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Henry (Henri) Colmer, Sr. married Soph

Henri- Born: March 8, 1822 in Wissemborug, (Ba-Rhin), La France
Died: March 23,1895
6 children, 3 deceased
Sophie- Born in Germany, after her death Henri married Antonett Bec

CHARLES COLMER married **Ella Calhoun** May 15, 1878
Born 05/12/1857 — Born 03/10/1857
Died 01/1937 — Died 10/23/1884

married **Charity E. Rogers***
Born 1857
Died 1922

JOHN WESLEY COLMER married **Lena Mae Cilburn** April 3, 1910
Born 1880 — Born 07/1888
Died 1961 — Died 11/16/70

WESLEY DONALD COLMER married **Nell Hocutt**
Born 04/19/18 — Born 09/26/22
Died — Died

WILLIAM J. COLMER
Born 05/08/48
Died

JONATHAN COLMER
Born 04/02/53
Died

RUTH VICTORIA COLMER married **Loa Lemmel White** 1931
Born 02/26/11 — Born 01/06/08
Died 09/29/83 — Died 10/21/88

ANN ELIZABETH married **James O. Allen** 08/04/59
Born 01/31/38 — Born 01/31/38
Died — Died

ELIZABETH ALLEN
Born 01/13/70
Died

EDWARD LOA married **Barbara Johnson** 03/10/62
Born 05/12/41 — Born 07/18/44
Died — Died

RONNIE LEO WHITE
Born 04/04/68
Died

MICHELLE ANN WHITE
Born 08/14/69
Died

ROSE LUCILLE COLMER married **Gordon L. Brent** 11/12/38
Born 09/02/12 — Born 06/19/09
Died 01/06/81 — Died 11/08/93

NANCY BRENT
Born 04/07/46
Died

JOHNNIE HAZEL COLMER married **Clifton Ballard Ramsey** 04/03/36
Born 05/24/16 — Born 02/27/14
Died — Died 09/07/78

DONALD B. RAMSEY married **Ruth Taylor** 05/24/64
Born 05/30/41 — Born 03/05/45
Died — Died

MARILYN RUTH RAMSEY married **Tony Reso** 08/14/93
Born 09/18/66 — Born
Died — Died

JANICE MARINA married **Robert T. Farr** 12/11/93
Born 01/14/65 — Born
Died — Died

Stephen Thomas Farr
Born 10/12/96

NELL MAE COLMER married **Thomas C. Sylvest** 11/20/41
Born 05/05/14 — Born 07/30/17
Died 07/17/95 — Died

RONNIE SYLVEST
Born 03/29/45
Died 01/04/65

FREADA COLMER married **Alvin Earl Loudermilk** 03/19/44
Born 01/02/20 — Born 04/17/22
Died — Died

ALVIN EARL LOUDERMILK, JR.
Born 09/07/48
Died 09/17/72

SANDRA JANE married **Melvin Douglas Meek** 12/16/66
Born 0/02/46 — Born 03/18/39
Died — Died

DOUGLAS SCOTT MEEK
Born 07/24/67
Died

LISA CANTRELL married **Eric Swilley** 04/23/89
Born 11/27/68 — Born
Died — Died

BRITTANY NICOLE SWILLEY
Born 06/03/90

STEPHANIE NICOLE married **Christopher Smith** 1995
Born 05/22/70 — Born
Died — Died

DARLAN ALYSSA SMITH
Born 12/02/94
Died

TRISTAN ALEXANDER SMITH
Born 01/19/97
Died

FREADA EARLINE married **Jerry Wayne Shipley** 01/08/71

FRITZ COLMER married **Margaret Kinross McIntosh**
Born 1860 — Born 1868
Died 1933 — Died 1953

ROBERT PERCIVAL COLMER married **Annie Ruth Harbin**
Born 1898 — Born 1903
Died 1988 — Died 1983

ROBERT PERCIVAL COLMER, JR. married **Elaine Dies**
Born 1925 — Born 1934
Died — Died

RUTH ELAINE married to **Andrew Warren Baddour**
Born 1957 — Born 1956
Died — Died

ROBERT COLMER BADDOUR
Born 1987
Died

WILLIAM ANDREW BADDOUR
Born 1989
Died

EDWARD BARRETT BADDOUR
Born 1993
Died

JOHN ROBERT COLMER married **Lalla Mellor**
Born 1959 — Born 1952
Died — Died

FRED NEWTON COLMER
Born 1927
Died 1983

FRED McINTOSH COLMER married **Marjorie Elizabeth Cartland**
Born 1901 — Born 1905
Died 1969 — Died 1995

MARJORIE ELIZABETH married **Etienne LeMaire**
Born 1936
Died

married **Robert T.J. Bond**
Born 1942
Died

LAURA LeMAIRE married **Lawrence S. Rule, Jr.**
Born 1964 — Born 1962
Died — Died

LAWRENCE S. RULE, III
Born 1993
Died

HAYES CUSLEY RULE
Born 1997
Died

MARGARET BESS married **Robert L. Carolla**
Born 1942 — Born 1942
Died — Died

MARGARET CARTLAND CAROLLA
Born 1979
Died

PETER COLMER CAROLLA
Born 1983
Died

ARTHUR RUSSELL COLMER married **Mary Cleo White**
Born 1904 — Born 1920
Died — Died

ALICE LUISE COLMER
Born 1906
Died 1978

MARGARET ANN COLMER
Born 1909
Died 1988

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Born 12/02/94
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Born 01/19/97
Died

FREADA EARLINE married Jerry Wayne Shirley 01/08/71
Born 04/28/52 Born 11/18/45
Died Died

LORRIE JENENE SHIRLEY
Born 07/26/74
Died

WILL LEONEL COLMER married Minnie Hightower 1908
Born 04/10/1879 Born
Died 06/10/38 Died

ELLA MAE COLMER married Stewart Rhea
Born 1906 Born
Died Died

MARVIN COLMER
Born 1909
Died

LEROY COLMER
Born 1911
Died

ERNESTINE COLMER
Born 1921
Died

ATHALIA COLMER
Born 1917
Died

HOWARD COLMER
Born 1915
Died

DORIA COLMER married Willie McGilvrary
Born 04/04/1882 Born
Died Died

BERNICE STANSELL married James W. Stansell
Born Born
Died Died

HENDRIX McGILVRARY
Born
Died

LOIS PERRY married to Paul Perry
Born Born
Died Died

R.L. McGILVRARY
Born
Died

L.C. McGILVRARY
Born
Died

ERNEST BURTON COLMER* married Beecye Irene Bradford 1922
Born 10/27/1892 Born 1903
Died 1972 Died 1970

FRED NEWTON COLMER
Born 1927
Died 1983

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HENRY COLMER married **Anna Meyers**
Born 1842 — Born 1855
Died 1929 — Died 1911

ALBERT LEON COLMER married **Jennie Adeline Hill**
Born 03/24/1876 — Born 11/06/1875
Died 03/26/1963 — Died 12/25/60

LEONA GENEVIEVE married **Millard Fillmore Crawford**
Born 06/02/01 — Born 09/22/1891
Died — Died 03/31/62

HERMAN HILL COLMER married **Stella Kinney**
Born 07/17/10 — Born
Died 10/22/91 — Died

ALBERT BOWEN COLMER married **Hilder Strickland**
Born 08/12/03 — Born
Died 10/22/57 — Died

RAYMOND COLMER
Born 1930
Died

MILDRED ADELINE married **Lester Lillard**
Born 02/07
Died 09/53
married **Jack Graham**

MARIE JEANICE married **Ed Halpin, Jr.**
Born 11/02/13 — Born
Died 12/46 — Died

HENRY COLMER married **Lulie Morris**
Born 1878 — Born 1884
Died 1957 — Died 1939

ELSIE COLMER married **H.W. Gill**
Born 04/27/10 — Born
Died — Died

PHILLIP GILL married **Dorothy Sim**
Born 1946 — Born
Died — Died

CHRISTOPHER GILL
Born 1974
Died

CAMERON GILL
Born 1982
Died

HARRY GILL married **Diana Ederlein**
Born 1945 — Born 1948
Died — Died

CAROL GILL
Born 1965
Died

CANDY GILL
Born 1969
Died

MABEL COLMER married **Irl Rainwater**
Born — Born
Died — Died

HENRY G. COLMER, JR. married **Mary Willingham**
Born — Born
Died 1980 — Died 1964

JOAN COLMER married **Wayne Fortson**
Born 1946 — Born
Died — Died

CHRISTOPHER FORTSON
Born
Died

BRIAN GERARD
Born
Died

HENRY G. COLMER III married **Carmen**
Born 1948 — Born
Died — Died

HENRY G. COLMER IV
Born 1980
Born
Died

MICHAEL COLMER
Born
Died

R.E. (DICK) COLMER married **Peggy**
Born 02/09/53 — Born
Died — Died

R.E. COLMER, II
Born
Died

CHRISTINE A. COLMER
Born
Died

MARVIN ADOLPH COLMER married **Annie Mae Dorman**
Born 1880 — Born 10/02/1896
Died 1969 — Died 1995

MARVIN A. COLMER, JR. married **Nina Avera**
Born 06/11/17 — Born 04/20/19
Died 07/22/70 — Died 06/26/85

PATRICIA DIANE married **Peter G. Faccini**

MAUDE CELESTE COLMER married **Herman Reeves**
Born 07/1886 — Born 11/1883
Died 08/1974 — Died 02/1959

ANNA MARGARET married **Dale Read**
Born 09/13 — Born 07/13
Died 08/74 — Died

DOROTHY READ ZEE married **Robert Zee (divorced)**
Born 10/23/47
Died

DALE READ, JR. married **Priscila Martens**
Born 07/07/46 — Born
Died — Died

ANDREW MARTENS READ
Born 1989
Died

DOROTHY REEVES married **Roger Martin, Jr.**
Born 03/08/18 — Born 09/05/19
Died — Died 1997

DIANE MARTIN married **Charles Dickens**
Born 02/20/45 — Born 08/12/40
Died — Died

CHARLES H. (CHAD) DICKENS
Born 08/19/70
Died

ROGER M. DICKENS
Born 03/0175
Died

MARGARET MARTIN married **Robert Otis Deas**
Born 09/05/47 — Born 1947
Died — Died

TODD MARTIN DEAS
Born 05/21/74
Died

ROBERT BRYAN DEAS
Born 08/05/75
Died

MEGAN DIANE DEAS
Born 09/01/79
Died

EDWARD H. COLMER married **Annie Koonts**
Born 11/1882 — Born
Died 04/1968 — Died

married to **Evelyn Desporte**
Born
Died

EDWARD COLMER, JR. married **Mallory Sinclair**
Born 11/22/19 — Born
Died 04/1975 — Died

EDWINA COLMER married **Swayze Neyland**
Born 12/03/11 — Born
Died — Died

ANN NEYLAND COLMER BRADY
Born 08/23/34
Died

ROBERT NEYLAND
Born 02/18/34
Died

WILLIAM MEYERS COLMER married **Ruth Minor**
Born 02/11/1890 — Born 01/13/1895
Died 09/09/80 — Died 08/89

WILLIAM MEYERS COLMER, JR. married **Katherine Hoffman**
Born 11/22/19 — Born 12/23/22
Died 01/12/98 — Died

MEYERS HOFFMAN COLMER
Born 02/11/60
Died

JONATHAN COLMER
Born 04/82
Died

WILLIAM G. COLMER married **K. Marie Vickers**
Born 05/31/61 — Born 02/08/55
Died — Died

JAMES HENRY COLMER married **Margaret Spence**
Born 10/28/23 — Born 10/14/34
Died — Died

MARY RUTH ALLEN married **David Allen**
Born 04/15/58 — Born 04/16/48
Died — Died

IAN HENRY COLMER
Born 02/22/83
Died

JAMES HENRY COLMER, JR. married **Jennifer Doggett**
Born 08/18/61 — Born 11/18/68
Died — Died

THOMAS WARREN COLMER
Born 02/25

IRMA COLMER married **Robert L. Walton**
Born 08/12/00 — Born 11/18/1898
Died 09/11/88 — Died 08/30/54

GLORIA WALTON married **Otis Sing**
Born 08/12/23 — Born 10/3
Died — Died

BONNIE SINGLETARY
Born 05/13/45
Died

KENDALL ANN SINGLETARY
Born 06/18/58
Died

SCOT SINGLETARY
Born 07/10/56
Died

BARBARA WALTON married **P.K. Mart**
Born 08/03/25 — Born 04/2
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STACIE MARBUT married **Rober**
Born 09/02/55 — Born
Died — Died

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Born 09/02/77
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KARA JENNIFER MANIS
Born 09/20/84
Died

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Died — Died

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Born 08/23/83
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SUNNIE WALTON married **Ronald**
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Died — Died

MISTY BARKLEY married **B**
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Died — D

TYLER SCOTT
Born 1997
Died

LISE WALTON married **Douglas**
Born 1955
Died
married **William**

RACHEL EVELYN
Born 1977
Died

LEE COLMER
Born 1979
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ROBERT L. WALTON, III married
Born 1959
Died

KEILI WALTON
Born 1986
Died

AMY WALTON married **Eric Chilt**
Born 1963 — Born 1963
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NINA AVERA married Richard Lawrence
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KEVIN LAWRENCE
Born 12/29/66
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KATHY LAWRENCE
Born 02/04/69
Died

KYLE LAWRENCE
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PATRICIA ANN married H.W. Adams
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THOMAS WARREN COLMER
Born 02/25
Died 10/06/79

ANNA MEYERS COLMER married L.R. Weeks
Born 1898 Born 1894
Died 1993 Died 1942

L. R. WEEKS, JR. married Vivin Wilber
Born 1923 Born 1923
Died Died

DEBORAH WEEKS married Charles Badalamenti
Born 1953 Born 1943
Died Died

L.R WEEKS, III married Joan Salas
Born 1957 Born 1959
Died Died

ANDREW WEEKS
Born 1996
Died

MELINDA WEEKS married Randy Niblett
Born 1955 Born 1952
Died Died

RYAN NIBLETT
Born 1980
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CORY NIBLETT
Born 1987
Died

ELIZABETH ANN (LIZ) WEEKS
Born 02/28/26
Died

ALBERT COLMER WEEKS married Janet Alice Dean
Born 09/18/27 Born 02/25/34
Died Died

LEAH KARRIE WEEKS
Born 08/07/58
Died 07/13/97

DEAN COLMER WEEKS
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ALICE ELIZABETH married W. Rex Robertson
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Born 08/03/25 — Born 04/23/24
Died — Died

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Died — Died

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KARA JENNIFER MANIS
Born 09/20/84
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Born 07/21/57 — Born 09/14/52
Died — Died

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Born 08/23/83
Died

ROBERT L. WALTON, JR. married **Alice Rowland**
Born 1929 — Born 1930
Died — Died

SUNNIE WALTON married **Ronald Barkley**
Born 1952 — Born 1950
Died — Died

MISTY BARKLEY married **Bradley Scott**

Born 1973 — Born 1971
Died — Died

TYLER SCOTT
Born 1997
Died

LISE WALTON married **Douglas Howell** (divorced)
Born 1955
Died

married **William Sage**

RACHEL EVELYN
Born 1977
Died

LEE COLMER
Born 1979
Died

ROBERT L. WALTON, III married **Kathy Green** (divorced)
Born 1959 — Born 1959
Died

KEILI WALTON
Born 1986
Died

AMY WALTON married **Eric Chilton**
Born 1963 — Born 1963
Died — Died

ALLISON
Born 1989
Died

JENNIFER
Born 1994
Died

EVA COLMER married **P.N. Howell**
Born 1888 — Born 1880
Died 1978 — Died 1952

P.N. HOWELL, JR. married **Evelyn Edmiston**
Born 09/13/18 — Born 12/24/26
Died — Died

STEVEN HOWELL married **Judy K. Moore**
Born 06/0849 — Born 09/14/52
Died — Died

MATTHEW KENDRICK HOWELL
Born 01/08/77
Died

MARK CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
Born 09/28/78
Died

RICHARD ANDREW HOWELL
Born 06/09/82
Died

BRAD HOWELL married **Sara Jane Hinchman**
Born 06/07/61 — Born 09/07/62
Died — Died

LAUREN HOWELL
Born 01/18/89
Died

BRADLEY HOWELL, JR.
Born 08/23/90
Died

CHASE HOWELL
Born 05/26/94
Died

DOUG HOWELL married **Lise Walton**
Born 02/21/51 — Born 05/30/55
Died — Died

RACHEL HOWELL
Born 06/05/77
Died

LEE HOWELL
Born 09/14/79
Died

DAVID HOWELL married **Margaret Mary Plett**
Born 09/22/55 — Born 11/10/54
Died — Died

ANDREW HOWELL
Born 09/16/87
Died

JEFFREY HOWELL
Born 03/27/80
Died

SARAH HOWELL
Born 08/04/83
Died

THOMAS HOWELL married **Miriam Guice**
Born 01/03/21 — Born 01/22/22
Died — Died

THOMAS HOWELL, JR. married **Leigh Robertson**
Born 03/25/47 — Born
Died 12/04/91 — Died

MIRIAM L. HOWELL
Born 03/14/78
Died

THOMAS EDWARD HOWELL
Born 07/03/84
Died

BECKY HOWELL married **Paul Brochu**
Born 01/30/58 — Born 05/13/56
Died — Died

ELLEN L. HOWELL
Born 01/29/84
Died

ANDREW HOWELL
Born 01/26/86
Died

MEREDITH HOWELL
Born 05/23/88
Died

EDWARD POSEY HOWELL married **Kathy Lane**
Born 08/29/50 — Born
Died — Died

KATE HOWELL
Born 08/31/84
Died

JAMES HOWELL
Born 08/14/86
Died

CAROLYN HOWELL
Born 09/12/88
Died

VIRGINIA HOWELL married **William Black**
Born 06/16/23 — Born 11/10/21
Died 11/26/94 — Died 1985

WILLIAM LAWRENCE BLACK III
Born 09/02/52
Died

married **Lisa Paige**

EVA JORDANNA BLACK
Born 07/04/82
Died

CAITLIN ELISE BLACK
Born 10/29/84
Died

married **Elaine Kusulos**

ARISTIDE HOWELL BLACK
Born 1994
Died

HALLIE VIRGINIA BLACK
Born 05/23/97
Died

CYNTHIA BLACK
Born 1948
Died

KATHY BLACK
Born 1949
Died

MISHA
Born 1970
Died

CANDY
Born 1973
Died

ALFRED GORDON HOWELL married **Judy Moreton** (divorced)
Born 01/02/26 — Born 02/08/35
Died 03/15/94 — Died

married **Mona Chapman** (no children)

SUSAN BROOKE married **Timothy W. Perry**
Born 03/22/62 — Born 03/18/61
Died — Died

CAROLINE ELISABETH PERRY
Born 12/14/92
Died

TIMOTHY WILLIAM PERRY
Born 10/21/94
Died

ELIZABETH MORETON married **Vester Wentzell**
Born 09/01/59 — Born 09/17/50
Died — Died

IAN MORETON WENTZELL
Born 06/10/84
Died

NICHOLAS DYLAN WENTZELL
Born 08/06/86
Died

ANNIE MADELINE WENTZELL
Born 11/16/90
Died

AVERY ELIZABETH WENTZELL
Born 11/16/90
Died 11/16/90

ELIZABETH TEMARIA MARBUT
Born 09/02/77
Died

KARA JENNIFER MANIS
Born 09/20/84
Died

ALLYSON MARBUT married Mac Davis

Born 07/21/57 Born 09/14/52
Died Died

WALTON DAVIS
Born 08/23/83
Died

ROBERT L. WALTON, JR. married Alice Rowland
Born 1929 Born 1930
Died Died

SUNNIE WALTON married Ronald Barkley
Born 1952 Born 1950
Died Died

MISTY BARKLEY married Bradley Scott

Born 1973 Born 1971
Died Died

TYLER SCOTT
Born 1997
Died

LISE WALTON married Douglas Howell (divorced)
Born 1955
Died

married William Sage

RACHEL EVELYN
Born 1977
Died

LEE COLMER
Born 1979
Died

ROBERT L. WALTON, III married Kathy Green (divorced)
Born 1959 Born 1959
Died

KEILI WALTON
Born 1986
Died

AMY WALTON married Eric Chilton
Born 1963 Born 1963
Died Died

ALLISON
Born 1989
Died

JENNIFER
Born 1994
Died

Born 01/18/89
Died

BRADLEY HOWELL, JR.
Born 08/23/90
Died

CHASE HOWELL
Born 05/26/94
Died

DOUG HOWELL married Lise Walton
Born 02/21/51 Born 05/30/55
Died Died

RACHEL HOWELL
Born 06/05/77
Died

LEE HOWELL
Born 09/14/79
Died

DAVID HOWELL married Margaret Mary Plett
Born 09/22/55 Born 11/10/54
Died Died

ANDREW HOWELL
Born 09/16/87
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Born 11/16/90
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Born 11/16/90
Died 11/16/90

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of _____

of Mississippi enumerated by me, on the 24th day of August 1850. Lyman Randall Ass't.

	Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether dumb, bl idiotic, convict.
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1	107	107	Henry Lehman	26	M.		Laborer		Germany				
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4	are	they?	Margaret Stepenfelt	33	F.								
5	108	108	Rufus R Rhodes	32	M.		Lawyer	4 800.	Alabama				
6			Jane Rhodes	21	F.				"				
7			Emma Rhodes	3	F.				Mississippi				
8			Camilla Rhodes	2	F.				"				
9	109	109	Theodore Dural	35	M.		Miller		Alabama				
10			Emely Dural	25	F.				"				
11			Rhodes Dural	7	M.				Mississippi				
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pt. Hall's Company,
Mississippi.
(Confederate.)

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CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of medical cards herein _____

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C | Capt. Hall's Company. | Miss.

H. Colmar

Pvt., { Capt. J. M. Hall's Infantry Co., Reserved Forces.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Dated Aug. 31, 1864

Enlisted:
When Aug 20, 186 .
Where Americus.
By whom Lieut. W. Denny.
Period War.

From what county Jackson.
What age 46
Present or absent at organization of company, } Present.
Remarks: Organized into Company Aug. 31 by Maj. M. F. Berry.

Book mark: _____

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C | Capt. Hall's Company. | Miss.

H. Colmer

Pvt., { Capt. J. M. Hall's Co. of the Reserved Forces of Mississippi.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Aug. 8 to Oct 31, 1864

Enlisted:
When Aug 10, 186 .
Where Americus.
By whom Maj. Denny.
Period War.

Last paid:
By whom _____
To what time _____, 186 .

Present or absent Absent.
Remarks: Furloughed to Co. Nov.

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H. Colmar

Pvt., { Capt. J. M. Hall's Co. (C) [illegible] Detachment of Reserved Forces

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov. + Dec., 18[illegible]

Enlisted:
When Aug. 10, 186 .
Where Americus
By whom Maj. Dennie
Period War

Last paid:
By whom _____
To what time _____, 186 .

Present or absent Absent
Remarks: Absent with leave.

Book mark: _____

(642) J. B. Pond

Headquarters, Military Division of the West Mis

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL,

New Orleans January 23d 18

Statement of Henry Colmer now held prisoner at the Picayune Cotton Press No. 4.

I am a native of France & was naturalized an american citizen about 18 years ago. I am 4 years old & have served 4 months in the Rebel army. I was conscripted against my will & deserted my Company at Mobile in December last, & while making my way to the Union lines I was captured by Gen. Granger's forces, near E. Pascago on the 17th of December, & brought to New Orleans. My only desire is to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government & remain within the Federal lines.

Henry Colmer

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23d day of January 1865.

[signature]

Lt. Col. & asst. Pro. Mar. Gen.

Mil. Div. West Miss.

Statement

Weiss Reviews

of Henry Colmer held prisoner at the Picayune Press Rs. 24, who says that he is 22 years old, having been conscripted by force & served 4 months in the Rebel army; but deserted last Nov. & was captured while making his way to the Union lines. Wishes to take the oath of allegiance & remain within Federal lines.

Camp 23d 1865.

Pl. 42. Headquarters Mil. Div. West Miss. Office of the Prov. Mar. Genl. New Orleans Jany 23 1865

Respectfully referred to Capt. M. R. Sherston Comdg of Prisoner for report.

By order of the Provost Marshal General

C. B. Wheaffer
Capt. 1st U. S. Infty
A. A. A. G. for Prov. Mar.

(E.B. 1481)

Hd Qrs Mil. Div. West Miss.
Office of Comdg of Prisoners
New Orleans Jan. 30 1865

Respectfully returned to Lt. Col. Wood Prov. Mar. Genl. with the information that the within named Henry Colmer was captured by a portion of Genl Granger's Command in Jackson Co. Miss. Dec. 16 64. and committed as a Prisoner of War in this city Dec. 25 64. He is entered upon the "Sick" which accompanied him as a "Private C.S. Miss. State Reserves." This statement is believed to be correct.

M. R. Sherston
Capt 1st Inf
Comdg of Prisoners

Pl. 42. Headquarters Mil. Div. West Miss. Office of the Prov. Mar. Genl. New Orleans, Feby 3. 65.

Respectfully referred to Lt. Col. Christensen Adjt.

W.P. 95. W.P. Jan 30 65

that their prisoner be considered a deserter and released from custody upon the condition of his taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.

W. H. Wood
Lt. Col. 1st U. S. Infty
Prov. Mar. Genl.

(E.B. 1481)

(1 Enclosure)

Pl. 42. Headquarters 1865.
Hd-Qrs, Mil. Dir. West Miss.,
New Orleans, La., Feby 1865.
Respectfully returned to the Provost Marshal General Mil. Division.

Pl. 42. Headquarters Mil. Div. West Miss. Office of the Prov. Mar. Genl. New Orleans, Feby 6 65

Respectfully returned to Capt. Sherston Comdg of Prisoners with authority to administer the oath of allegiance to this prisoner and release him from custody.

By order of the Provost Marshal General

C. B. Wheaffer
Capt 1st U. S. Infty
A. A. A. G.

(E.B. 1481)

New Orleans January 18th 1864.

Colonel Woods.

Sir.

I take the liberty to write to you these few lines, asking a favor which lays in your power to do if you choose to be so kind.

My brother, Henry Colmer, who is in prison in the picayune press No 4, he was taken prisoner on his way to the city. I ask of you your help to get him out on account of his bad health, he was always in delicate health, but it is far worse since he has been a prisoner, and the place where he is, is not fit for one in his condition. He was conscripted by the confederates against his will, and after he was four months with them, he deserted the first chance he obtained. There is no other crime against him, and he says he is willing to take the oath immediately.

Now Colonel if you have any compassion for one of your fellow companions in distress and who sacrificed everything to quit his enemies, and by so doing he was taken prisoner, if you have any pity, listen to the

Headquarters Ability Div. of West Miss.,
Office of Commissary of Prisoners,
New Orleans, La., Feb. 7 1865.

Lieut. Col. R. Woods
Comd'g. Mil. Prison
Sir

You will please send to this Office under guard. Henry Colmer. A prisoner then in confinement at the Prison under your command.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
R. Manton
Capt. 1st N. S. Inf.
Comdg. of Prisoners.

supplication ~~for~~ of a sister of one who is loyal and true to his country.

I have been out of the city, and returned day before yesterday. The only thing I ask of you is to aid me in getting him out, as it almost breaks my heart to see him in such a place, for no other offence than having bitter enemies to the United States. Now Colonel I ask of you as I would of a sincere and attached friend to help me to get out my poor sick brother.

Respectfully Yours
Mrs Frederick.

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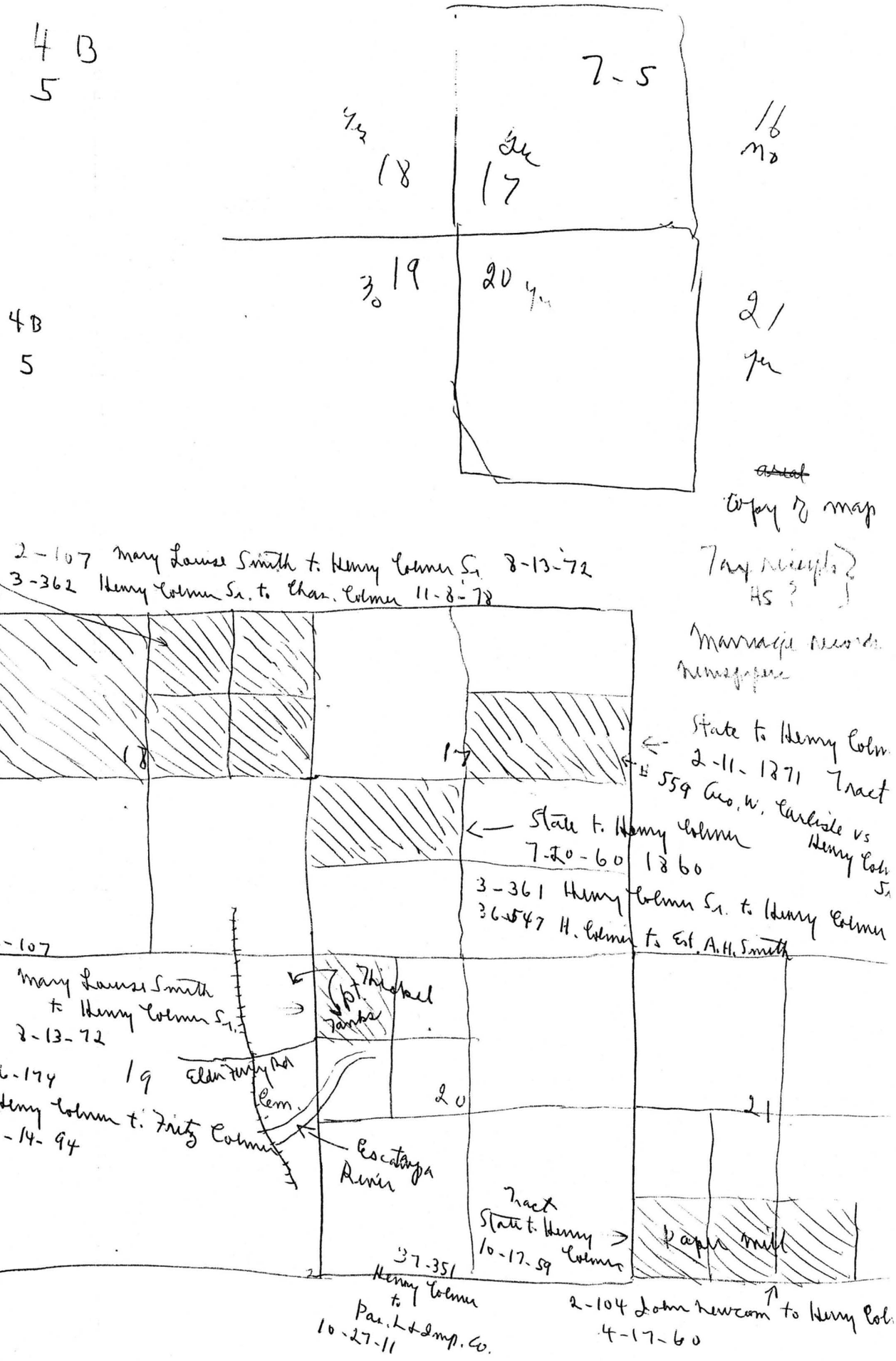
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Descendants of Ukn. Colmer

4 Jul 1997

FIRST GENERATION

1. **Ukn. Colmer** was born Ukn.

The COLMER FAMILY

PREFACE

This rcord is far from complete, even so, I hope it will serve as a foundation upon which the present and future members of the Colmer family can build upon. In researching these records I have utilized the McCain Genealogical Library at The Universty Southern Mississippi and The Family History Library of Morman Church Stake, both facilities located in Hattiesgurg Ms., and information provided by some of the Colmer family. Thanks ALL. Alvin Loudermilk.

SOME HISTORY

When William Duke of Normandy (better known as William the Conqueror) was preparing to invade England he strengthened the Norman army by enrolling all the mercenary soldiery he could obtain. Among the Free Lances who joined rh Norman standard was William de Colmar, a French knight who came from the town of Colmar, from which town the surname is derived. Any map of France will show that the town of Colmer is on the eastern frontier

De Colmar was present at the battle of Hastings, and after the country had become somewhat tranquillized he settled in the county of Cornwall, where Willian the Conquerer granted him land and created him Duke of Cornwall. The title was held by the family for a period, the title then lapsed but it is not possible to give a reason. After the title had beenin abeyance for some centuries it was revived, it is now always borne by the eldest son of the reigning King or Queen of England who is always called by his first title of Prince of Wales.

William the Conqueror caused a book to be prepared which he called Doomsday Book, which was a survey of the lands of England. Doomsday Book is still preserved. It is written in Norman French and gives a detailed account of the land then held by De Colmar.

Several members of the family went as Crusaders, under King Richard I (Coeur de Lion), but never returned. Other members of the family were in the Baron's army under Stephen Langton (Archbishop of Canterbury) at the signing of the Magna Carta. During the Wars of the Roses the Colmars fought for Lancaster and several lost their lives.

At the close of the fifteenth centry a slight change was made in the way Colmar was spelled. From that time forward the name has always been spelled Colmer.

In the middle of the Sixteenth centry the Colmers migrated to the adjacent towns of Plymouth in Devonshire. Evidently the fortunes of the family has very considerably waned, for we find them engaged in commerce. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth their fortunes were revived. The head of the family was then Abraham Colmer a merchant and ship-owner, who amassed considerable wealth. He built and endowed alms houses for the poor in the town. Abraham Colmer was twice Mayor of Plymouth, in 1618 and 1628; he died in 1628 and was buried at the Old Church (St. Andrew's) Plymouth.

During the Civil War between King Charles I and Parliament, the Colmers were staunch Royalists and took an active part in fighting for the King. When the town of Plymouth was besieged the Colmers were am ong the Cavaleries who defended the town. After a bitter struggle the Citadel capitulated. Subsequently Cromwell's Government inflicted heavy fines on the Colmers and other Royalist leaders. Upon the Restoration of King Charles II it was confidently expected that the King would reward his faithful followers,but this expectation wae never realized

Many daughters of the family made good marriiages. One became Lady Stafford Northcote (ancestors of the Earl of Iddesleigh). Another became Lady Lawrence Palk of Exter. Another became Countess of Ashburnham; by the marriage settlement between the Earl and Countess it was arranged that certain lands and tenements should become the freehold property of the Countess in the event of her husband dying first. Her husband did die first and the Countess entered into the possession of the property. At the death of the Countess she bequeathed her property to her own family the Colmers. This property was held by th Colmers until the commencement ot the nineteenth century.

At different periods the younger members if the Colmer family removed to other parts of England. Some went to the adjoining county of Somerset where they settled at Teovil, and the name is still prevalent in that town and in adjacent villages.

Others went to Hampshire where they founded the Village of Colmer; which is about twelve miles from Southampton, and the name occasionally met with in other parts of Hampshire. Others again went to Bath where the name is well known. The head of the Bath Colmers is belived to be Sir James Shepherd Colmer. Some went to Birmingham where a church was built by them but the name is now extinct in Birmingham.

When the Jacobin Insurrection of 1715 broke out, the Colmers were among the "Gentlemen from the West" who rode and fought for the Old Pretender. When the rebellion was suppressed the colmers were fined by the Government of King George.

In 1760 the two brothers John and William Colmer were the only representatives of the family left in Plymouth. William Colmer, the youngest brother. was a commissioned officer in the Royal Navy. On his last voyage he sailed from Plymouth Sound, and the the ship completely disappeared. It was surmised that the man-of-war had foundered at sea and all on board were lost.

About 1815, shortly after the battle of Waterloo Emperor Napoleon I was captured by the English and brought as a prisoner of war into Plymouth, where he remained some time. As Napoleon could not speak English, John Colmer was employed as interpreter and remained in daily attendance upon the Emperor until the latter's deportation to St. Helena.

NOTE:

At the request of my kinfolk in America, I am induced to give the following brief outline of the Colmer family; but in doing so, I am only repeating handed down from father to son for so many grnerations.

As I may have occasion hereafter to refer to myself personally, I had better state here that I am William Colmer, the youngest son of James and Charlotte Colmer, born October 28th, 1845. at 21 Bedford Row. Southwark, London.

I became totally blind in 1904 and as I am unable to write myself personally, these notes are being written for me at my dictation.

William Colmer

65 Crayford Road

London, N.

March 13th, 1914

PS:

The above NOTES were copied from a file locater in the Geanology Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Salt Lake city, Utah.
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BY

Alvin E Loudermilk
1112 N. 34th Ave.
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401
April 7, !997

MORE:

1. Capt William Peirce Esqr., year 1643. 360 Acs called Bakers Neck butting upon James River beg. at a point S. of the plantation of Mr Thomas Harwood upon James River beg. at a point S. upon the great river unto Capt Peirce his Cr. unto a cedar tree somewhat from the bridge, etc. down Harwoods Creek, etc. Due for trans. of 8 pers.: William Sheere, Elianor Pooly, Thomas Colmer, Mark Avery, Jon Magson, Jon Snelloche, and Domnick Turnbrey. Note 40 acs remaining due.
Reference: Cavaliers and Pioneers. Abstrect of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666. Genealogical Pub. Co. Inc. Baltimore Md. cat no 63-23761, page 143.

2. Petition of Alexander Boyd. About 23 Sept 1763. David Colmer, a chaplain to the Va. Rgmt., being indebted to several persons abscounded. Many sued their attachments against his estate, specially John McClanacham and William Crow, both of

Augusta Co., who summoned Boyd to attend Augusta Co. court as a garnishee. At the time of service of the attachment Boyd had 20.00 in his hand due to said David Colmer for two months pay. Commissioners ordered him not pay it to said Colmer. The Auguusta Court ordered him to pay the 20.00 to McClanacham and Crow. He has been forced to pay them out of his own pocket. Rejected 9 Nov 1764'
Reference: Virginia Colonial Soldiers By Lloyd DeWitt Backstruck, Copyright 1988, Genealogical Pubs. Co. Inc. Baltimore Md. LC# 88-80165.

Ukn. Colmer had the following children:

+2 i. **Henri Colmer.**

SECOND GENERATION

2. **Henri Colmer** was born in 1824 in France. US census report 1880 Jacksom co. Ms

Sophia Ehlers was born in 1826 in Germany. Jackson 1880 census birth was listerd in Germany. Henri Colmer and Sophia Ehlers had the following children:

+3 i. **Charles H. Colmer.**
+4 ii. **Henry B. Colmer.**
+5 iii. **Fritz Colmer.**

THIRD GENERATION

3. **Charles H. Colmer** was buried in Jan in Roseland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. He was born on 12 May 1857 in Ms.. He was buried in 1937 in Roseland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. He died in Jan 1937 in Starkville, Ms..

He was married to Ella Calhoun (daughter of John Calhoun and Sarah McLeod) on 15 May 1878 in Clark Co. Ala.. **Ella**

Calhoun was born on 10 Mar 1857 in Clark Co. Ala.. LDS Number AFN:L7SW-8N She died on 23 Oct 1884 in Jackson Co., Ms.. Charles H. Colmer and Ella Calhoun had the following children:

+6 i. **Willie Leonel Colmer.**
+7 ii. **John Wesley Colmer.**
8 iii. **Dorla Colmer** was born on 1 Apr 1882 in Ms.. She died in Houston, Tx..

He was married to Charity E. Rogers in 1890 in Forrest Co. Ms.. **Charity E. Rogers** was born in 1857 in Covington, Co. Ms.. She died in 1922 in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She was buried in 1922 in Roseland Park, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. Charles H. Colmer and Charity E. Rogers had the following children:

+9 i. **Ernest Burton Colmer.**

4. **Henry B. Colmer** was born in 1854 in Ms..

Anna ukn was born in Dec 1856 in Clark Co. Ala.. Henry B. Colmer and Anna ukn had the following children:

10 i. **Leon Colmer** was born in Apr 1876 in Jackson Co., Ms..
11 ii. **Marvin Colmer** was born in Jan 1880 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
12 iii. **Ed. Colmer** was born in Nov 1882 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
13 iv. **Maude Colmer** was born in Jul 1886 in Jackson Co., Ms..
14 v. **Eve Colmer** was born in Aug 1888 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
15 vi. **Sister Colmer** was born in Feb 1890 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
16 vii. **William M. Colmer** was born in Nov 1898 in Jacksom Co., Ms..

He was married to Anna Myers on 12 May 1875 in Jackson Co., Ms.. **Anna Myers** was born in Ms..

5. **Fritz Colmer** was born in 1860 in Jackson Co., Ms..

He was married to Margaret Kinross McIntosh in 1895 in Jackson Co. Ms.. **Margaret Kinross McIntosh** was born in 1869 in Ms.. Information provided by Arthua R. Colmer. Fritz Colmer and Margaret Kinross McIntosh had the following children:

17 i. **Percy Colmer** was born in 1899 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
18 ii. **Fred Colmer** was born in 1902 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
19 iii. **Arther Colmer** was born in 1905 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
20 iv. **Alice Colmer** was born in 1907 in Jacksom Co., Ms..
21 v. **Margarte Colmer** was born in 1910 in Jacksom Co., Ms..

FOURTH GENERATION

6. **Willie Leonel Colmer** was born on 10 Apr 1879 in , Ms.. He died on 10 Jun 1938 in Houston, Tx..

He was married to Minnie Hightower in 1908 in Forrest Co. Ms.. Willie Leonel Colmer and Minnie Hightower had the following children:

22 i. **Ella Mae Colmer** was born in 1906 in Ms..
23 ii. **Marvin Colmer** was born in 1909 in Ms..
24 iii. **Le Roy Colmer** was born in 1911 in Ms..
25 iv. **Howard Colmer** was born in 1915 in Ms..
26 v. **Athalea Colmer** was born in 1917 in Ms..
27 vi. **Earnestine Colmer** was born in 1921 in Tx..

7. **John Wesley Colmer** was born on 18 Nov 1880 in Ms.. He died on 4 May 1961 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. He was buried on 5 May 1961 in Highland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

He was married to Lena Mae Cliburn (daughter of William A. Cliburn and Sarah Rebecca Ashley) on 3 Apr 1910 in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Lena Mae Cliburn** was born on 1 Jul 1888 in Lawernce Co., Ms.. LDS Bapt She died on 16 Nov 1970 in Petal Forrest Co., MS.. She was buried on 17 Nov 1970 in Highland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was baptized into the LDS church on 1 Feb 1982 in the Jordan River, Utah LDS temple. She was sealed to parents on 2 Apr 1982 in the Jordan River, Utah LDS temple. She was endowed 25 F2b 1982 in the Jordan River, Utah LDS temple. Batch #: 8118711 John Wesley Colmer and Lena Mae Cliburn had the following children:

+28 i. **Ruth Victoria Colmer.**
+29 ii. **Rose Lucille Colmer.**
+30 iii. **Nellie Mae Colmer.**
+31 iv. **Johnnie Hazel Colmer.**
+32 v. **Wesley Donald Colmer.**
+33 vi. **Freada C. Colmer.**

9. **Ernest Burton Colmer** was born on 27 Oct 1892 in Forrest Co. Ms.. He died in 1972 in Starkville, Ms.. He was buried in 1972 in Roseland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. There were not any children born to this couple.

He was married to Bessie Irene Bradford in 1922 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Bessie Irene Bradford** was born in 1903 in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She died in 1970 in Starkville, Ms.. She was born in Forrest co., Ms..

FIFTH GENERATION

28. **Ruth Victoria Colmer** was born on 26 Feb 1911 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She died on 29 Sep 1983 in Methodist Hospital Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She was buried Highland Park Cemetery, in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was married to Loa Lemuel White in 1931 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Loa Lemuel White** was born on 6 Jan 1908 in Lamar Co. Ms.. He died on 21 Oct 1988 in Forrest Co. Ms.. Ruth Victoria Colmer and Loa Lemuel White had the following children:

+34 i. **Ann Elizabeth White.**
+35 ii. **Edward Loa White.**

29. **Rose Lucille Colmer** was born on 2 Sep 1912 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She died on 6 Jan 1981 in Singing River Hospital, Pascagoula, Ms.. She was buried on 8 Jan 1981 in Pascagoula Jackson Co, Ms..

She was married to Gordon L. Brent on 12 Nov 1938 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Gordon L. Brent** was born on 19 Jun 1909 in Pike Co. Ms.. He died on 8 Nov 1993 in Pascagoula Jackson Co, Ms.. Rose Lucille Colmer and Gordon L. Brent had the following children:

36 i. **Nancy Ellen Brent** was born on 7 Apr 1946 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

30. **Nellie Mae Colmer** was born on 5 May 1914 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. She died on 17 Jul 1995 in Covinton, La.. She was buried on 19 Jul 1995 in Bethel Baptist Church, Franklinton, La..

She was married to Thomas C. Sylvest on 20 Nov 1941 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Thomas C. Sylvest** was born on 30 Jul 1917 in Washington Parish, La.. Nellie Mae Colmer and Thomas C. Sylvest had the following children:

37 i. **Ronnie Sylvest** was born on 29 Mar 1945 in Methodist Hospial, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. He died on 4 Jan 1965 in Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La.. He was buried on 5 Jan 1965 in Bethel Baptist Church, Franklinton, La..

31. **Johnnie Hazel Colmer** was born on 24 May 1916 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was married to Clifton Ballard Ramsey on 3 Apr 1936 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Clifton Ballard Ramsey** was born on 27 Feb 1914 in Boligee, Al.. He died on 7 Sep 1978 in Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. He was buried on 9 Sep 1978 in Highland Park cemetery Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. Johnnie Hazel Colmer and Clifton Ballard Ramsey had the following children:

+38 i. **Donald Ballard Ramsey.**

32. **Wesley Donald Colmer** was born on 9 Apr 1918 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

He was married to Nelle Hocutt on 15 Aug 1947 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Nelle Hocutt** was born in 1922 in 536 West 4th St., Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. Wesley Donald Colmer and Nelle Hocutt had the following children:

39 i. **William Colmer** was born on 8 May 1948 in Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..
40 ii. **Jonathon Colmer** was born on 2 Apr 1953 in Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

33. **Freada C. Colmer**[1,1] was born on 2 Jan 1920 in 805 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. Married at her family's home.

She was married to Alvin Earl Loudermilk (son of Alvin Royal Loudermilk and Dora Lemon Jones) on 19 Mar 1944 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..[2] **Alvin Earl Loudermilk** was born on 17 Apr 1922 in Cuthbert, Randolph Co., Ga.. Birth Registration ; File number 19009 in the State office of registarion of vital statistics in Atlanta, Ga Married by the Reveren d W.K. McIntosh. Freada C. Colmer and Alvin Earl Loudermilk had the following children:

+41 i. **Sandra Jane Loudermilk.**
42 ii. **Alvin Earl Jr. Loudermilk** was born on 7 Sep 1948 in Sandia Base hospital, Albuqurque, N.M.. He died on 17 Sep 1972 in Hong Kong, China. He was buried on 26 Sep 1972 in Highland Park cemetery, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. Was in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnamese War and was on his way home, when his ship stopped for three days of R&R at Hong Kong, China.
+43 iii. **Freada Earlene Loudermilk.**

SIXTH GENERATION

34. **Ann Elizabeth White** was born on 31 Jan 1938 in Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.,.

She was married to James O. Allen on 4 Aug 1959 in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **James O. Allen** was born on 31 Jan 1938 in Silver Springs, Ms.. Ann Elizabeth White and James O. Allen had the following children:

44 i. **Elizabeth Allen** was born on 13 Jan 1970 in Hattiesburg, Ms..

35. **Edward Loa White** was born on 12 May 1941 in Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

He was married to Barbara Johnson on 10 Mar 1962 in Fla.. **Barbara Johnson** was born on 18 Jul 1944 in Jackson ville, Fla.. Edward Loa White and Barbara Johnson had the following children:

45 i. **Ronnie Loa White** was born on 4 Apr 1968.
46 ii. **Michele Ann White** was born on 14 Aug 1969.

38. **Donald Ballard Ramsey** was born on 30 May 1941 in Mothodist Hospital Hattiesburg, Forrest Co. Ms..

He was married to Ruth Taylor on 24 May 1964 in Kasciusko, Attala co. Ms.. **Ruth Taylor** was born on 5 Mar 1945 in Kasciusko, Attala co. Ms.. Donald Ballard Ramsey and Ruth Taylor had the following children:

+47 i. **Marilyn Ruth Ramsey.**
+48 ii. **Janice Marina Ramsey.**

41. **Sandra Jane Loudermilk** was born on 2 Jul 1946 in Methodist Hospital Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was married to Melvin Douglas Meek on 16 Dec 1966 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..[1] **Melvin Douglas Meek** was born on 18 Mar 1939 in Laurel, Jones Co., Ms.. Sandra Jane Loudermilk and Melvin Douglas Meek had the following children:

49 i. **Douglas Scott Meek** was born on 24 Jul 1967 in Methodist Hospital Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

+50 ii. **Lisa Cantrell Meek.**
+51 iii. **Stephanie Nicole Meek.**

She was married to Thomas McAlpin on 29 Oct 1988 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Thomas McAlpin** was born in Lamar Co., Ms..

43. **Freada Earlene Loudermilk** was born on 28 Apr 1952 in Base Hospital, Fort Hood, Tx..

She was married to Jerry Wayne Shirley on 8 Jan 1971 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..[3] **Jerry Wayne Shirley** was born on 18 Nov 1945 in Petal Forrest Co., MS.. Freada Earlene Loudermilk and Jerry Wayne Shirley had the following children:

52 i. **Lorrie Jenene Shirley** was born on 26 Jul 1974 in 1007 West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..[4]

SEVENTH GENERATION

47. **Marilyn Ruth Ramsey** was born on 18 Sep 1966 in Methodist Hospial, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was married to Tony Reso on 14 Aug 1993 in Rayne Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.. Marilyn Ruth Ramsey and Tony Reso had the following children:

53 i. **Peter Anthony Reso** was born on 12 Nov 1996 in New Orleans, La..

48. **Janice Marina Ramsey** was born on 14 Jan 1965 in Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..

She was married to Robert Thomas Farr on 11 Dec 1993 in Grace Memorial Church, Slidell, La.. Janice Marina Ramsey and Robert Thomas Farr had the following children:

54 i. **Stephen Thomas Farr** was born on 12 Oct 1996 in Slidell, La..

50. **Lisa Cantrell Meek** was born on 27 Nov 1968 in Methodist Hospital, Forrest Co., Ms..[5]

She was married to Eric Swilley on 23 Apr 1989 in S.C.. Lisa Cantrell Meek and Eric Swilley had the following children:

55 i. **Brittany Nicole Swilley** was born on 3 Jun 1990 in Georgia.

51. **Stephanie Nicole Meek** was born on 22 May 1970 in Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La..

Stephanie Nicole Meek had the following children:

56 i. **Darian Alyssa Smith** was born on 2 Dec 1994 in Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms..
57 ii. **Tristan Alexander Smith** was born on 19 Jan 1997 in Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg. Forrest, Ms..

She was married to Christopher Sunshine Smith in 1995 in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., Ms.. **Christopher Sunshine Smith** was born in Forrest co., Ms..

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Dear Jim,

Received your letter the other day, and was very glad to here from you. I really appreciate the information you sent me.

As for me I am married to Freada the youngest daughter of John Wesley one of Charles Colmes sons. We have been married for fifty rhree years and have lived in Hattiesburg sence I retired from service in 1964.

Have also received a letter from Authur R. Colmer with some information. I have sent him a copy of the information that I have gathered, and I also will send the same information to. you

Please send me the information you have collected when you finish with it.

Yours Truly,
Alvin Loudermilk
Alvin Loudermilk

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George Colmer, III (Kolmer; Sept. 21, 1807—Sept. 27, 1878), physician (*Fig. 1*), was born in London, England, the third son of George Colmer, Jr., who was born at Torrington, England, Oct. 2, 1771.[1] From 1841 until his death, Doctor Colmer resided at Springfield, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, except for a short period of time when he had an office in New Orleans. He practiced medicine with a mule and buggy throughout the vast district of what is now known as the Florida Parishes of Louisiana.

Two large volumes,[1,2] each of 600 pages, written in a fine and almost illegible hand, have recently been uncovered† (*Fig. 2*). These books are leather bound, and of the legal ledger type, each about two feet square. One is the daily journal of his medical practice from about 1842 to 1878; in it are recorded brief abstracts of the history, physical examination and treatment of his patients, including two pages of periodic notes on his own physical condition. The second volume is labeled "Diary C" and covers the period from 1849 to 1878. In it are recorded local and national events, clippings from medical and lay journals, pamphlets, advertisements, etc., many of which are of great historic interest. Daily and meticulous observations on the rainfall, temperature, frosts, freezes, flood stages, flowering of various plants, occurrence of various epidemics, local meetings, and pages devoted to the "comings and goings" of various local persons are recorded over a period of 30 years. It is today the best source of data on births, marriages, and deaths in that district. There are extensive observations on garden vegetables, on the days on which the bass and other fish were biting. It includes periodic observations of Doctor Colmer's weight, many entries being made during and after the Civil War over a period of years when he was ill. National and local events, i.e., the assassination of President Lincoln, the occupation of Springfield by negro troops, notes on the battlefield at Camp Moore, Tangipahoa, Louisiana, etc., are sandwiched between notes on an epidemic of "hooping cough" or observations on flowers or garden vegetables such as rutabagas.

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*Read before the Birmingham Surgical Society, May 27, 1944.
*From the Department of Pathology, Baptist and Jefferson Hospitals.

†No biography of Doctor Colmer has been uncovered and until we began our study it was not known that he was a physician, where he lived, where he was born, died, practiced medicine, etc. Searches had been made in various medical libraries and in the files of the American Medical Association and in the *New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal* and other sources. No mention of Doctor Colmer was detected. While on a visit to the Library of the American Medical Association in February, 1944, a George Colmer was found listed as a physician in Louisiana, at Springfield, Livingston Parish, in an old volume of The Medical Register and Directory of the United States.[3] This was accomplished through the kindness and persistence of Mrs. Marjorie Hutchins Moore, Librarian.

A visit to Springfield in April, 1944, resulted in uncovering Diary "C" and the Daily Journal of Doctor Colmer's medical practice from 1849 to 1878. A photograph and some official documents were also found. Most of this material was in the possession of a great granddaughter of Doctor Kille, a physician with whom Doctor Colmer began medical practice in Springfield about 1841, just after or during the time he was making his observations on the epidemic of infantile paralysis in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, some 25 miles from Springfield. That Doctor Colmer settled in Springfield about 1841 is suggested by a note in his diary "C" on page 473, in which he wrote in 1874 that he had been a resident for some 32 years. Search of the immigration and naturalization records in Louisiana does not reveal Doctor Colmer's name, but a complete set of records may, of course, not exist. Doctor Colmer stated that he had yellow fever in 1837, but did not state that he was living in Louisiana at the time. Doctor Colmer continued to reside with the family of Doctor Kille after Doctor Kille's death. This family ran the Springfield Hotel and Doctor Colmer's office was in the yard of the hotel beside the tree shown in *Fig. 3*. Microfilming of Doctor Colmer's diary and ledger is contemplated.

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Doctor Colmer was civic minded, had the town of Springfield incorporated and later surveyed; he had one street laid out, ditched and planted with live oaks; this street, called Colmer Avenue (*Fig. 4*), is today one of the most beautiful in the South, the trees being covered with Spanish moss; in fact, it is the only street in Springfield still retaining any beauty. He built a bridge across the Natalbany River, owned and published a local newspaper, *The Livingston Reporter* (*Fig. 5*), served for a number of years as Justice of the Peace and was elected on both Republican and Democratic tickets during the Reconstruction era. He was an extensive land owner and a land agent. It is said, without confirmation, that he studied and obtained a degree in law at the University of Louisiana shortly before his death. His diary records yearly the names of persons catching the largest fish, raising prize-winning flowers, stock, crops and vegetables. He made many donations to needy persons, and at one time erected a negro church and a negro school at his own expense. He published several poems, of which the one entitled "Poor Dog Ponto" still has some local interest.

Fig. 1
Doctor George Colmer, 1807—1878

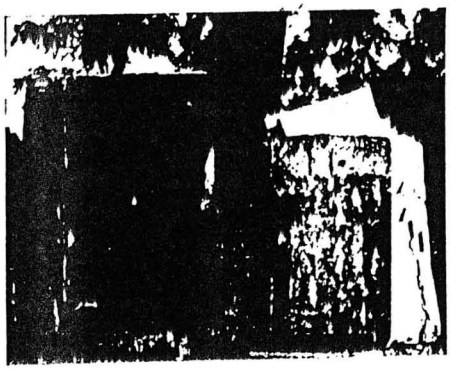

Fig. 2
The Daily Journal of Doctor Colmer's Medical Practice (1842-1878) and Diary "C" (1849-1878).

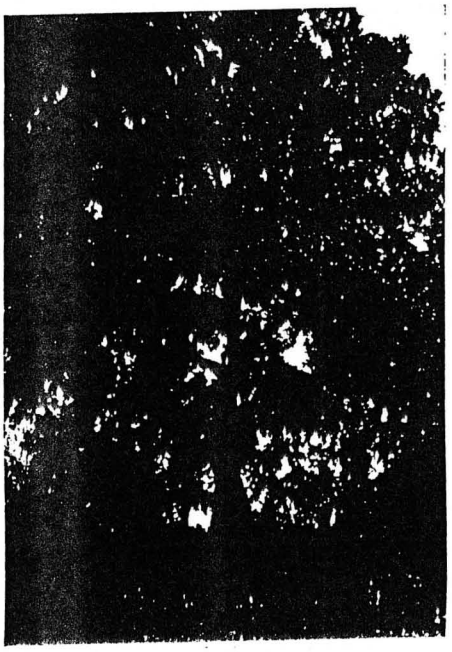

Fig. 3
Oak tree in the yard of the Springfield Hotel beside which Doctor Colmer's office was located.

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AN ELEGY
on the
"Poor Dog Ponto"

Whose case was brought before the District Court of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, at its session of May, 1866.

A cur there was whose name was Pont,
Who, raised in Virtue's ways,
Did oft his owner's heart rejoice
By Waggish pranks and plays.

So good was he, that when his lord
On Sundays went to church,
Poor Ponto hovered round the door,
Or lay across the porch.

But Pont--Alas! 'tis sad to tell!
In Virtue's practice slept;
Like Tray, renowned in classic page,
Bad company he kept!

A "watch-dog" Ponto claimed to be,
But faith no watch did he!
A married man thus "watching" round
Would surely lectured be!

The poet says "We first endure,
"Then pity, then embrace;"
And though not so with poor dog Tray,
'Twas so in Ponto's case!

First Ponto took to sucking eggs,
And then he killed a sheep;
And left a starving orphan lamb
In solitude to weep!

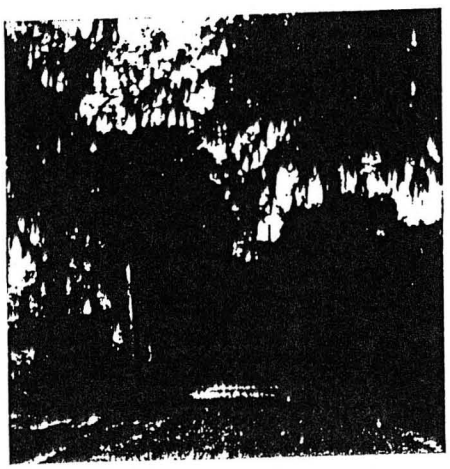

Fig. 4
Colmer Avenue of Springfield, Louisiana, as it looks at the present time.

THE LIVINGSTON REPORTER
Official Paper of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY IN SPRINGFIELD, LOUISIANA, BY GEORGE COLMER
Volume 5 Thursday, July 9th, 1863

Fig. 5
Copy of newspaper heading which was pasted between pages 121 and 122 of Diary "C."

He next began to roam around
In houses not his own;
And stole whatever could be found,
And thus his living won.

He then began to lay in stores
Of food for rainy days;
And into smoke-houses did break,
And robbed in other ways!

In vain would sufferers cry out "Thief!"
In vain the owner cite;
Pont trampled on the Gospel law,
And held that "might" was "right."

When thus 'twas found that no redress
From words was to be had,
"To deeds!" "to deeds!" the cry was raised.
"Correction for the bad!"

A wicked wag then to his tail
An old tin pan did tie;
Then shouted out with great delight,
And raised the "hue and cry!"

Pont "spread himself," and ran like mad,
And vowed to mend his ways;
But still kept up his thievish course,
At night as well as days.

A cloven stick was next essayed,
In which his tail was slipped;
And thus aghast he ran his best,
So sorely was he nipped.

And thus adorned he fled apace,
And put out all his might;
Nor Gilpin's nag, nor Shanter's mare,
Did e'er excel his flight!

But still in vain! The warnings lost,
And patience given out,
Resolved 'twas then by other means
To bring his cure about.

The devil once was taken sick
And swore a monk to be;
But when he once got well again,
The duce a monk was he!

So 'twas with Pont! What's in the bone
No outward means restrain;
So inward means at length were tried,—
Nor were then tried in vain!

A pill was given! O treach'rous pills!
How oft do you destroy,
E'en when the donors little dream
You even could annoy!

The random shot, thus fired at large,
Though slow, and done with ease,
Is but the opening wedge that spreads
Instead of ends disease!

Though kind intentions prompt the gift,
And Christian hopes may soar,
The pill that oft is meant for good,
To Death but opes the door!

But Ponto's pill was none of these!
Its object was full plain!
It put an end to all his sins,
And all his woes and pain!

Then dogs, beware! and keep at home!
Nor roam between two lights!
Poor Ponto's fate should teach you all
To stay at home at nights!

And folks, beware of thievish dogs!
And dogs, beware of pills!
A pill is very well at times,
But not the pill that kills!

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As a physician, Doctor Colmer was greatly beloved and respected in his district, and innumerable men and women today have Colmer as a middle name. He was a charter member and an officer in the East Louisiana Medical Association, and is said to have been instrumental in its organization at Springfield in 1842. At that time, he and several other physicians established standard charges for medical practice in that area (*Fig. 6*), which do not differ significantly from medical charges today. He was widely read, his diary containing clippings and references to between thirty and forty newspapers, magazines and medical periodicals. He built and ran a slave hospital in which the daily board was $1.00 and medical fees in accordance with the malady (*Fig. 7*). He was not a slave owner and in his diary he seemed pleased when emancipation became an accomplished fact. He served in New Orleans during at least one of the large yellow fever epidemics (1867), having had the disease himself in the summer of 1837.

He described in his diary the invention of a rubber bulb syringe by a Springfield citizen. Doctor Colmer lists many observations and prescriptions which may upon further analysis be of some importance, but his greatest contribution seems his observations on the epidemiology of poliomyelitis.[5]

Cases of paralysis in children were noted in Philadelphia in 1792 during an epidemic of yellow fever,[6] and four cases by Badham[7] in Worksop, England, in 1835. The pathology of poliomyelitis was first described by Heine[8] in 1840, but the first epidemic of the disease to be reported anywhere in the world occurred in 1841 in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana (*Fig. 8*),

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ESTABLISHED CHARGES IN EAST LOUISIANA ON THE COIN BASIS AS AGREED UPON AT A MEETING OF PRACTISING PHYSICIANS, IN THE YEAR 1842, IN SPRINGFIELD, LA.

COUNTRY AND OFFICE PRACTICE

Mileage, by day, $1 per mile.

Ditto, by night, $2 per mile.

Crossing at a ferry, $1 or more extra.

Consultation with, or advice to or for a patient, oral with whatever medicines may be spontaneously given, if any, $5.

Ditto—Ditto, written, $5

Consultation with another physician, or with other physicians, $10.

Bleeding, $1.

Cupping, $2 or more.

Extracting a tooth, $1.

Opening an abscess, $1 or more.

Other surgical operations, minor, $5 to $50.

Ditto—Extraordinary, $50 or more.

Case of abortion, whether actual or threatened only, $25 or more.

Administration of chloroform or other anaesthetics during surgical operations, &c., $5 or more extra.

Medicines, $1 or more.

Case of syphilis or gonorrhoea, $20 or more in advance. Cure not warranted. Time limited to two or three months.

Administering an enema, $5.

Individual examination into bodily or mental condition, with or without formal certificate, $5.

Examination conjointly with another physician, or with other physicians, $10.

For each hour of detention, after the first hour, in the day time, $1.

Staying all night, or the remainder of a night, by special request or exclusively on account of the patient, $10 or more.

All fees to be due as soon as each case is ended, or as much sooner as demanded.

OUT-DOOR TOWN PRACTICE

Transient Cases

Solitary visit, advice included, by day, medicine included, if any, is given—$5.

Ditto, by night, $5.

Two or more visits on the same day, $5.

All other items the same as above.

CASES OF LONG CONTINUANCE

A discretionary amount.

Fig. 6

Copy of printed matter pasted in Doctor Colmer's Daily Journal of his Medical Practice. It will be noted that chloroform and other anesthetics for surgical operations are listed. This is five years before chloroform was used as an anesthetic in England by Simpson and in the same year that ether was administered by Crawford Long in Georgia[4] and this might indicate a priority in East Louisiana on the use of chloroform and other anesthetics. However, we have no proof at the present time that the printed form in Doctor Colmer's ledger was actually printed in 1842 or at a subsequent date. This requires further investigation.

INFIRMARY

For Slaves

Springfield, Livingston Parish, La.

BY GEORGE COLMER, M.D.

PRICES:

For the first month, $1.00 per day.

For additional time, 75c per day.

CAPITAL SURGICAL OPERATIONS CHARGED FOR EXTRA.

These prices include not only Medical Attendance and Medicines; but also House-room, Food, Fuel, Bedding, Nursing and Washing.

No person taken in, no matter for how short a time, for less than Ten Dollars.

Persons not known to be perfectly responsible and prompt will be required to pay in advance.

Fig. 7

Copy of advertisement which appeared in *The Livingston Reporter*.

Fig. 8
The southeastern section of Louisiana in 1841, showing location of the epidemic in West Feliciana Parish, and of Springfield, Doctor Colmer's subsequent residence. The railroad shown in West Feliciana Parish was one of the first in the United States.

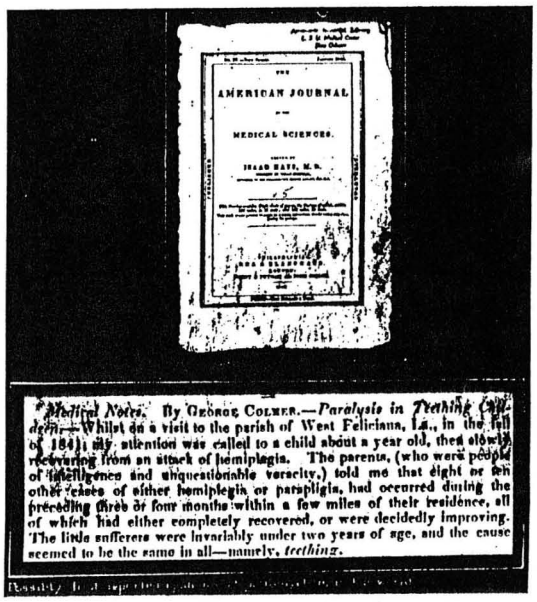

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Fig. 9
Photostat of Doctor Colmer's report of the epidemic which occurred in West Feliciana Parish in Louisiana in 1841. (Reproduced through the courtesy of Lea and Febiger).

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some thirty miles from Springfield, and was published in *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences* by Doctor Colmer in 1843[5] as follows:

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His observation that the disease occurred in a small rural area in late summer and fall in epidemic form, that it largely affected children of the teething age (one to two years), that it was associated with paralysis, and that most of the youngsters eventually recovered, has not been much improved upon during the past hundred years. His additional note that teething was probably a factor may also be apt, as the drooling saliva is probably infectious in the several days before the onset of the prodromal period.[9,10] If Diary "B" could be found or the

1862

August 1 Ulcer again beneath tongue

1864

Dec. 23rd Have been taking from 1 to 5 or 6 grains daily of opium. The effect upon which has been to keep my bowels under control, and to improve my weight and general health. For several months, however, I have been liable to cramps in my feet at night only—for which I cannot account.

1872

June 21st Opium—the quantity I now take daily is from 10 to 12 grains, that is to say, a pill not exceeding 3 grains, every six hours. A few years ago I took daily about 30 (thirty) grains.

Fig. 10

Excerpts from Doctor Colmer's description of his own illnesses (1861-1877).

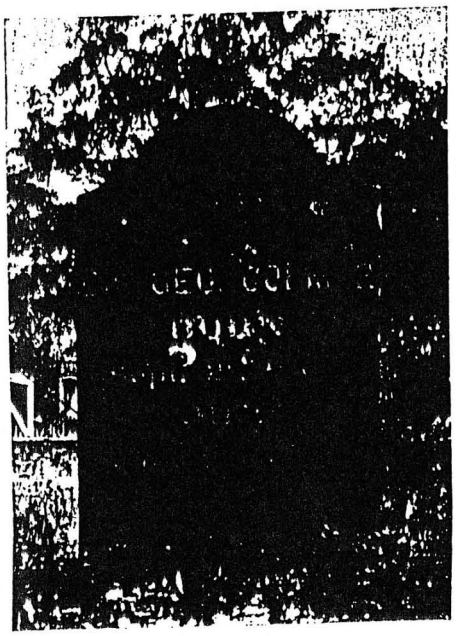

Fig. 11

Doctor Colmer's tombstone, located in the cemetery at Springfield, Louisiana.

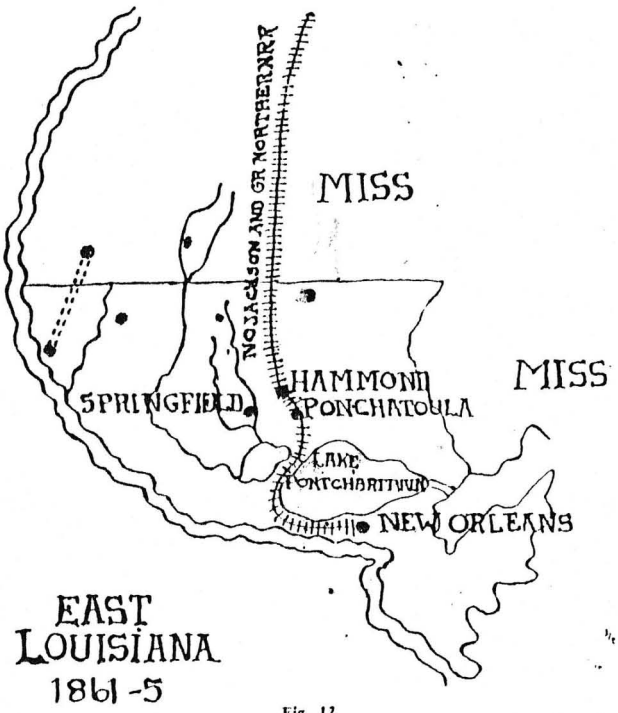

Fig. 12

East Louisiana in 1861, showing railroad passing through Ponchatoula and Hammond, but not through Springfield. Springfield, about seven miles west of Ponchatoula, steadily declined thereafter.

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daily journal of his medical practice before 1842, the epidemic would probably have also been described in them in greater detail, as Doctor Colmer was a meticulous reporter of other local events.

It is not known where Doctor Colmer received his medical education, where and when he entered the United States, details of his boyhood, nor have his diaries "A" and "B" been located. In fact, no biography or obituary of Doctor Colmer has been discovered in the medical or lay literature. Although it was published in an American journal, even his contribution to the epidemiology of infantile paralysis is fully recognized only in the European literature.[11] During the hectic days of the last year of the Civil War, and after more than 25 years of medical practice, when Doctor Colmer was 57 years of age, he became ill and apparently lost a lot of weight. At this time he began the use of opium (*Fig. 10*), which he continued to a slight degree perhaps until his death. Doctor Colmer never married, and he died in Springfield, where he is buried in the local cemetery (*Fig. 11*).

We are indebted to Mrs. Josephine Slocum, of Springfield, Louisiana, for certified transcripts of material from Doctor Colmer's diary; to Mrs. Kate Colmer Beale, her mother, for permission to reproduce Doctor Colmer's photograph; to Mrs. Marguerite Powell Pierson and Mrs. Christine Wimberly for the photographs; and to Miss Annie Frazier for assistance in the illustrations.

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10 Decease at Wissembourg, the 8th Apr. 1864 of
Jean Colmer, age 74, wagoner, born at Salmbach
domiciled at Wissembourg
- widower in first marriage of Marie-Anne Teutsc
- widower in 2nd marriage of Marie-Elisabeth Hoff
legitimate daughter of:
- the late Georges Colmer, wagoner
- and of the late Jacobine Zimmermann

Declarers:
- Jean-Georges Wentzel, age 47, baker, cousin by marriage of the deceased
- Guillaume Adam, age 58, daylaborer, friend of the deceased

10. **Décès à Wissembourg, le 8.4.1864, de Jean COLMER,**
74 ans, voiturier, né à Salmbach, domicilié à Wissembourg
- veuf en premières noces de Marie-Anne TEUTSCH
- veuf en secondes noces de Marie-Elisabeth FREPPEL,

fils légitime de :
- feu Georges COLMER, voiturier
- et de feue Jacobine ZIMMERMANN.

Déclarants :
- Jean-Georges WENTZEL, 49 ans, boulanger, cousin par alliance du défunt
- Guillaume ADAM, 58 ans, journalier, ami du défunt.

MAIRIE de Wissembourg Arrondissement de Wissembourg

Le[1] huit Avril mil huit cent soixante-quatre, à neuf heures du matin

ACTE DE DÉCES de[2] Jean Colmer

âgé de[3] soixante-quatorze ans décédé à[4] Wissembourg

le huit Avril mil huit cent soixante[4 bis] quatre, à une heure du matin

profession de voiturier né à Salmbach département du[5] Bas Rhin

domicilié à[6] Wissembourg veuf en première noces de Marie Anne Teutsch, époux en seconde noces de Marie Elisabeth Freppel.

fils[8] légitime de[9] feu Georges Colmer

âgé de ans, profession de voiturier en son vivant

domicilié à Wissembourg

et de[10] feu Jacobine Zimmermann âgée de ans,

profession de domiciliée à Wissembourg

Sur la déclaration à nous faite par[11] Jean Georges Wentzel

âgé de quarante neuf ans, profession de boulanger domicilié

à Wissembourg qui a dit être[12] cousin par alliance

du défunt et par[13] Guillaume Adam

âgé de cinquante huit ans, profession de journalier domicilié

à Wissembourg qui a dit être[14] ami

du défunt, et après lecture ont signé.[15]

Constaté par nous[16] Louis Adolphe Volpert Adjoint au Maire, faisant fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil, après nous être assuré du décès en la maison mortuaire,

Wentzel Adam

[17] Pour l'Adjoint délégué: Le Maire A. Volpert

11. Birth the 1st of March 1801 of Catherine Colmer, daughter of Jean Colmer and of Catherine Heintz.
Declarers:
- Adam Hemmerle, laborer, age 30
- François Schirmer

* Baptisme the 2nd March 1807 of Catherine Colmer, daughter of Jean Colmer, wheelwright, and of Catherine Heintz, his spouse
Godfather - Adam Hemmerlé, peasant
Godmother - Catherine Gerhardi, daughter of Jean Gerhardi and of Catherine Colmer, his spouse

12. Decease the 1st Sept 1808 of Elie (Elijah) Collmer, aged 6 mos., son of Jean Collmer and of Catherine Heintz, his spouse.
Declarers:
- Jean Collmer, wheelwright, father of deceased child
- Sebastien Neiss, laborer, neighbor

13. Birth the 28th Aug 1810 of Jean Adam Collmer, son of Jean Colmer, wheelwright, and of Catherine Heintz, his spouse

14. Birth the 12th Dec 1811 of Marie Anne Collmar, daughter of Jean Collmar, aged 40 and of Catherine Heintz

SALMBACH

11. • Naissance le 1.3.1807 de Catherine COLMER, fille de Jean COLMER et de Catherine HEINTZ.
Déclarants :
- Adam HEMMERLE, laboureur, 30 ans
- François SCHIRMER

• Baptême le 2.3.1807 de Catherine COLMER, fille de Jean COLMER, charron, et de Catherine HEINTZ son épouse.

Parrain = Adam HEMMERLÉ, paysan
Marraine Catherine GERHARDI, fille de Jean GERHARDI et de Catherine COLMER son épouse

12. Décès le 1.9.1808 de Elie COLLMER, âgé de 6 mois, fils de Jean COLLMER et de Catherine HEINTZ son épouse.
Déclarants :
- Jean COLLMER, charron, père de l'enfant défunt
- Sébastien NEISS, laboureur, voisin

13. Naissance le 28.8.1810 de Jean-Adam COLMER, fils de Jean COLMER, charron, et de Catherine HEINTZ son épouse

14. Naissance le 12.12.1811 de Marie-Anne COLLMAR, fille de Jean COLLMAR, âgé de 40 ans, et de Catherine HEINTZ

Mayor's office of Salmbach community, district of Wissembourg on the 28th day of the month of Thermidor, year ten. Death certificate of Jacobea Zimmermann, expiration announced this date around five o'clock in the morning, her age of 48 years; she was the wife of Georg Collmer of Salmbach of the department of Lower Rhine. On the declaration which was made to me by Georg Collmer the husband of the deceased and by Frantz Schirmer, the nephew of the deceased and (they) have undersigned with me.

(the above in German by Weibel)

(then the indecipherable original German certificate)

The 21st Thermidor, year X of the Republic, decea of Jacobée Zimmermann, aged 48 years, spouse of Georges Collmer of Salmbach

Witnesses - Georg Collmer, spouse of the deceas
- Francois Schirmer, nephew of the deceased

(this latter in French)

Mairie von Salmbach Gemeinde, Bezirk von Weissenbu
vom einundzwantzigsten Tag des Monaths Thermidor
Jahr zehn Absterbens Ackt von Jacobea
Zimmermann verschieden den announcer of the date
obgemelten Dato um
fünf uhr des morgens, ihres alters von vierzig
acht Jahren, sie war die Ehefrau von Georg Collmer
von Salmbach des niederrheinischen Departements.
Auf die Declaration die mir gemacht worden von Georg Collmer
dem Ehemann der verstorbenen und von Frantz Schirmer
dem Neveu der verstorbernen und haben mit unterschrieben.

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Mairie von Salmbach Gemeinde Bezirk von Weissenbu
vom einundzwantzigsten Tag des Monaths Thermidor Jahr zehn.
Absterbens Ackt von Jacobea Zimmermann verschieden den
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Collmer dem Ehemann der verstorbenen und von Frantz
Schirmer dem Neveu der verstorbenen und haben mit
unterschrieben.
Georg Collmer F. Schirmer

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Le 21 thermidor an X de la République, décès de Jacobée
ZIMMERMANN, âgée de 48 ans, épouse de
Georges COLLMER de Salmbach.
Témoins = – Georges Collmer, époux de la défunte
– François Schirmer, neveu de la défunte.

Georges Rheinhard ∞ Marie-Anne Kollmer

the 24th Nivôse year IV (= Jan 1, 1796) marriage of
4th month
Dec 21 - Jan 19

- Georges Rheinhard, carpenter from Salmbach
son of Michel Rheinhard
Marguerite Trögler
age 30

- Marie-Anne Kollmer
daughter of Pierre Kollmer, deceased
age 30

Witnesses:
- Adam Margraf, cooper, age 43
- Adam Brenckle, laborer, age 36
- Jean Friedrich, day laborer, age 32
- Christian Gerber, day laborer, age 37

RHEINHARD Georges ∞ KOLLMER Marie-Anne

Le 24 nivose an IV (= 14.1.1796) mariage de

- Georges RHEINHARD charpentier de Salmbach
  fils de Michel Rheinhard
  Marguerite Trögler
  âgé de 30 ans
- Marie Anne KOLLMER, ~~fille~~
  fille de Pierre Kollmer, défunt
  âgée de 30 ans

Témoins :

- Adam MARGRAF tonnelier, 43 ans
- Adam BRENCKLÉ laboureur 36 ans
- Jean FRIEDRICH journalier 32 ans
- Christian GERBER journalier 37 ans

Heute den Vier und zwantzigsten Nivoß im Viertel
Jahr der Republik vormittag um Eilfuhrs erschien
vor mir Johannes Margraf Agent zu Salmbach
Departement des Niederheins und Canton Weissen-
burg, der ich zur Aufsetzung der Geburts
Heurath und Sterbrollen ernennet worden
Georg Rheinhard Zimmermann von Salmbach
Sohn des Michael Rheinhard und Margretha
Brögler zu Salmbach dreyßig Jahr alt, einseits mit
Maria Anna Kollmer, des verstorbenen
Peter Kollmers hinterlassene Tochter zu Salm-
bach dreyßig Jahr alt anderseits. Alle in hiesiger
Munizipalität wohnhaft. In Bekleitung.
Adam Margraf Küfer 43 Jahr alt, Adam Brenckle
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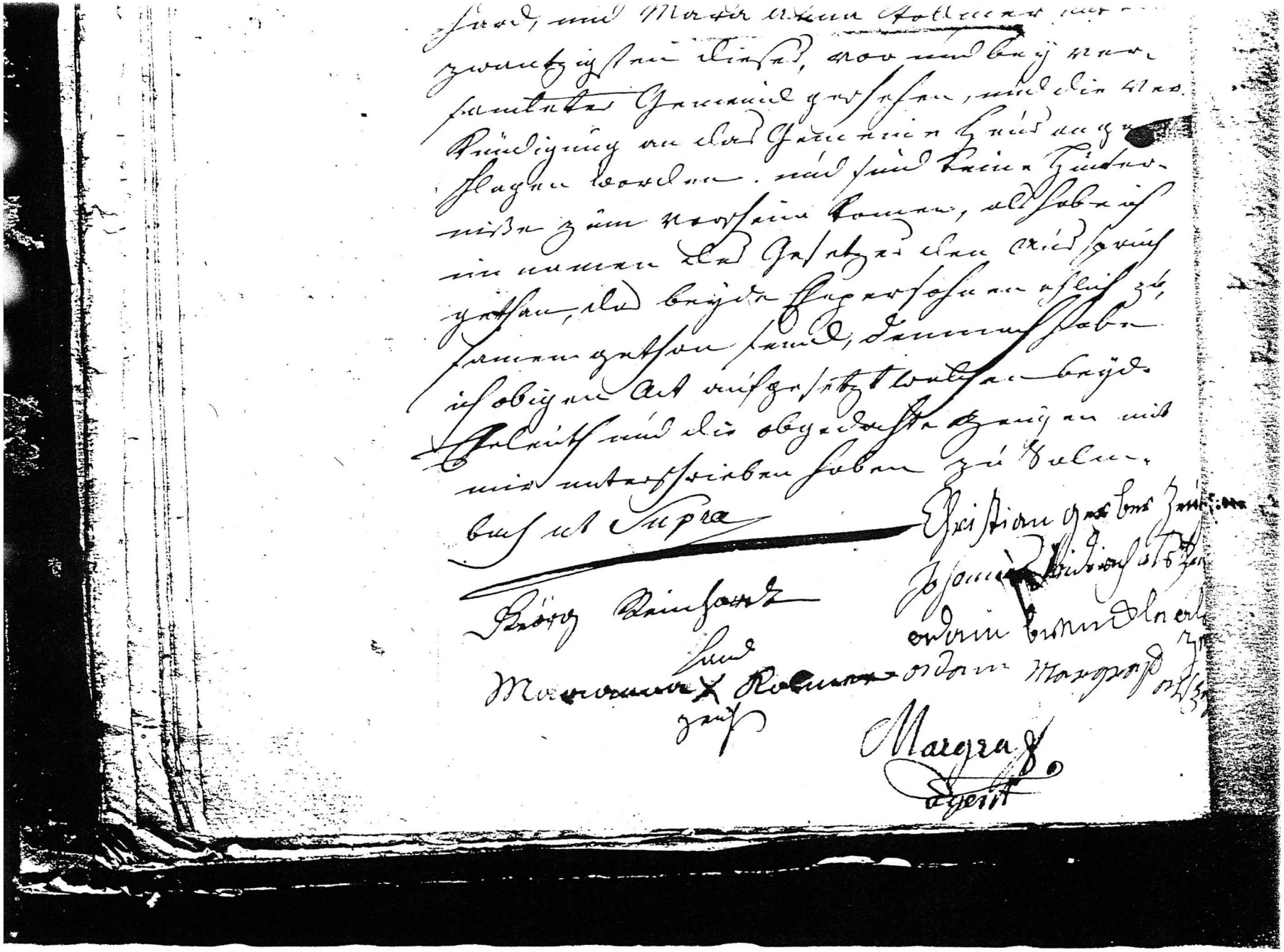


Michel Kollmer to Elisabeth Ditman

The 9th Nivôse year III (Dec 27, 1794) of the Republic, marriage of
- Michel Kollmer, laborer, son of deceased Christophe Kollmer and of his spouse Eve, born Harre (domiciled at Salmbach
age 60
- Elisabeth Ditman
daughter of Pierre Ditman and of Anne Schmitt } spouses domiciled at Steinfeld
age 30

Witnesses
- Barthelemy Gerber, cooper, age 58
- Sebastien Jörger, butcher, age 59
- Georges Ray, wheelwright, age 70
- Bernard Grimm, day laborer, age 50

Le 9 nivose an III (= 29.12.1794) de la République, mariage de

- Michel KOLLMER, laboureur, fils du défunt Christophe Kollmer et de son épouse Eve ~~H~~ née Harre (domiciliés à Salmbach) âgé de 60 ans

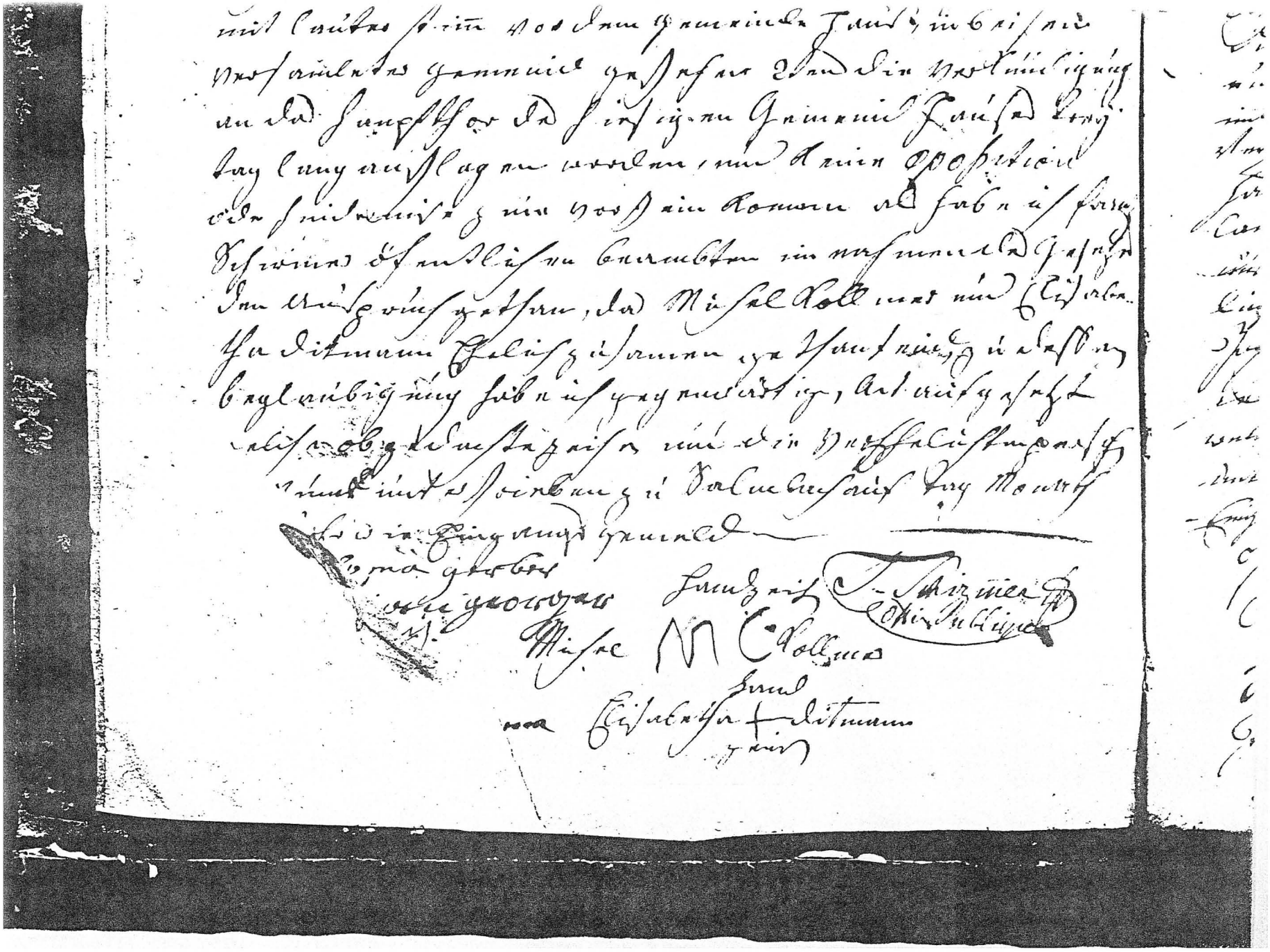
- Elisabeth DITMAN, ~~f~~ fille de Pierre DITMAN ~~de Salmbach~~ et de Anne SCHMITT } époux domicilié à Steinfeld

âgée de 30 ans.

Témoins :

- Barthélémy GERBER tonnelier 58 ans
- Sébastien JÖRGER boucher 59 ans
- Georges BAY charron 70 ans
- Bernard GRIMM journalier 50 ans

} Salmbach



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Biography

Pascagoula's statesman, William M. Colmer, says 'Nixon was a great man'

By JOANNE ANDERSON

"I think Nixon was a great man." William Meyers Colmer, Pascagoula's statesman par excellence, talked about his 40 years in the U.S. House of Representatives in an exclusive interview and rated Richard M. Nixon highest among presidential leaders since 1933.

When Colmer retired in 1972 he had served as a Democrat under six presidents — Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon.

"I'm biased," the portly ex-congressman said, "and I know this will surprise you, but Nixon was the best president for several reasons."

Colmer praised Nixon's beliefs in fiscal responsibility and the need for revamping the court system, particularly the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I was more capable of evaluating his domestic approach," said Colmer. "I liked it. He was above average in his knowledge of foreign affairs."

The former congressman of Mississippi's Fifth District

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related a telephone conversation he had with Nixon concerning the direction of the courts in the United States.

"I told him I admired his speeches on crime and fiscal policy," Colmer said. "I told him the crux of the whole thing (crime) lies with the Supreme Court. He told me there was no question that the court was out of balance. He tried to do something about it."

Colmer believes that unless the attitude of the American people changes Nixon will be treated unkindly by history.

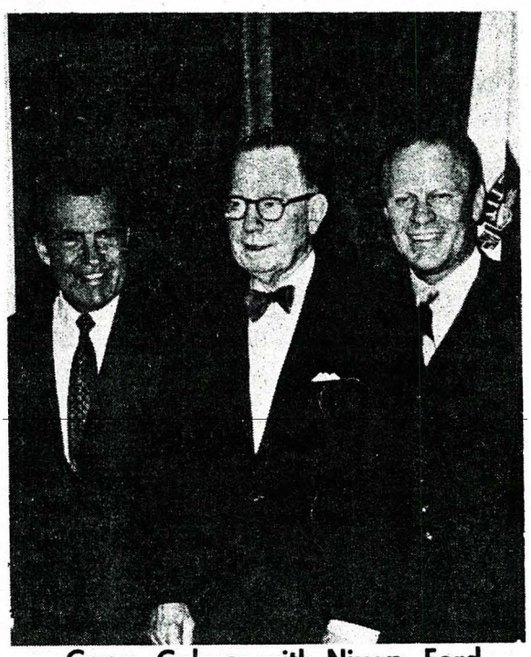
"Franklin Roosevelt and Richard Nixon served under different conditions," he said in comparing Nixon to the other presidents. "FDR served a good purpose. He got the country moving. I was a great admirer of Ike but he had a military background. He was a popular hero elected, and he liked it too. Nixon was more practical. My friend Mr. Truman was opposed to me at the last for my stand against the bureaucracy and fiscal policy."

His deepest admiration remained for Nixon despite Watergate. "Watergate has had a significant effect," he said. "I think it made the people more conscious of their government, but I still think it is blown out of proportion, Nixon being the chief victim ... and they won't let him alone."

Colmer sees Nixon as the victim of his staff. "He had a bunch of loyal staff members," he said. "They did some things they shouldn't have done. He (Nixon) tried to protect them when he first heard about it. I don't think he did anything you or I wouldn't have done under the circumstances. You would try to protect your staff within reason. Nixon was human. He reacted to his emotions. I think he was a great man."

Colmer reiterated that he was prejudiced because "he (Nixon) was personal to me." Nixon was the first president to ever visit Mississippi and as Colmer's longtime friend Arthur Smith pointed out during the interview, "Nixon came when we were in trouble." The reference was to Nixon's visit to the Mississippi Gulf Coast following Hurricane Camille. Nixon later sent his daughter Julie Eisenhower to Mississippi to attend what the former congressman calls his "Swan Song" dinner. "She brought a wrist watch he gave me," Colmer said.

The subject changed to future presidents. In the race for the Democratic nomination, Colmer sees Sargent Shriver as the most attractive personality. "He's a salesman," Colmer said, "but he won't get to first base. He hasn't had enough exposure." His pick? "Scoop Jackson would make the best one."



Cong. Colmer with Nixon, Ford

When the smoke clears though, Colmer thinks Sen. Ted Kennedy will get the Democratic nomination. Will Ted accept? "Sure," said Colmer. "When the big dog comes in, the others will all scatter."

Colmer talked about Kennedy's chances. "I think he has more public appeal than Jack (John F. Kennedy) did," he said. "Chappaquiddick is not the impediment it would have been 25 years ago."

A conservative Democrat, Colmer's favorite is a conservative Republican. "(Ronald) Reagan's my favorite," he said, "but I don't think it's practical for him to get the nomination. I don't think Reagan can be elected because he would be too conservative. I think (Gerald) Ford will get the nomination and of those on the scene I hope he's elected."

Colmer foresees Nelson Rockefeller being dumped from the ticket in favor of a candidate who could draw more Southern votes. However, he is skeptical that the South can be carried by any Republican.

As a member and later chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, Colmer came to know the man Gerald Ford. "You have to bear in mind that Ford in his political life has never known what it is to be in the majority," Colmer explained. "He's always been a minority member. When he was minority leader I worked with him on conservative measures and when I wanted to confront a measure directly he would be realistic following a compromise route to get votes. He was good at getting things done that way."

Should Ford go to New York City's aid? "I think it would be tragic," Colmer answered. "We shouldn't help them. It would be setting a dangerous precedent. The United States is already bankrupt and why should one bankrupt government try to save another bankrupt government? The only difference is the parent government has the power to print money."

Colmer likes Ford's new spending-cut tax-cut proposal, but has little hope it will be significantly effective. "The politicians have educated the people to enjoying more and more of the abundant life and people don't want to turn it loose." That is why Colmer fears Congress will not cut spending.

"I think the economic problem is too big for Ford to handle," Colmer added. "He's trying."

When Colmer first ran for Congress in 1932 he supported the New Deal policies of Roosevelt "to get the country moving" from the depths of the Depression. However, the liberal quickly became the conservative ("I quit the New Deal in Roosevelt's time.") as he saw the country moving too fast under Roosevelt.

The Mississippian, who watched the national budget soar from $5 billion to $365 billion in his congressional career, warned 25 years ago of the consequences of overspending.

"Fiscal matters are coming home to haunt Congress," he said. "I predicted the chickens would come home to roost if they kept this policy."

In his early campaigns, Colmer advocated that his fellow congressmen should appropriate money "as if it were coming out of their own pockets which some of it is." The rising crime rate and the breakdown of the American family are other problems the former congressman sees getting out of proportion.

"I hate to admit I do see it," he said. "When a person gets old nothing looks as good as it did. My father didn't think I'd amount to anything, but I improved the situation a little."

The danger, Colmer feels, is the liberal attitude of permissiveness that prevails in modern society. "People are living beyond their means and the rights of the criminal are considered above the public's," he said. "I think that our attitude toward children and rearing children has all added to the situation. In other words the have-nots want to have. They resort to crime to make themselves equal to the Joneses. I think our courts are partly responsible."

Colmer accuses the U.S. Supreme Court as being the chief offender in the liberalized movement. "Our courts have progressed from nine old men to the most liberal court in the history of the United States," he said. "When FDR appointed Frankfurter, the conservatives were outraged. Frankfurter went off the court after service the most conservative on the court because the presidents up to Nixon had appointed even more liberal members."

Though Colmer is pessimistic on that subject, his typical good humor and boyish optimism temper the philosophy of the elder statesman who has rubbed shoulders with some of history's most notable figures. At age 85, he holds the belief that the world contributes great leadership when it is needed.

"I admired Churchill," he said. "He strode across the stage of tragedy of World War II. He was pre-eminently the greatest man."

Colmer believes modern leadership is perhaps not as lacklustre as it appears, but is dulled by close scrutiny of the mass communications media. "I wonder if it isn't another example of the old saying — familiarity breeds contempt," he said. "I'm sure Washington had his frailties."

He gives an example of disappointment with a leader in his own life. "When Arthur (Smith) and I were winning World War I to end all wars and make the world safe for Democracy, there was a man in Wilson's administration named William Gibbs McAdoo," he said. "He was secretary of the treasury and later a senator from California, when I went there (Congress). Pat Harrison introduced me to him in the Senate cloakroom. He was one of the most foulmouthed people I ever heard. Here was my idol destroyed."

Colmer recalls his meeting with one of the world's most infamous leaders — Joseph Stalin. ("Churchill and Stalin were at opposite ends of the poles.") It was after World War II when the Mississippi congressman led a subcommittee which spent six weeks abroad studying political and economic conditions and interviewing the leaders of

13 nations, including Churchill and Stalin.

"The whole time I was interviewing Stalin," Colmer said, "my mind went back to Halloween when I was a child. You could buy a pasteboard mask for a nickel and for 15 cents you could get a wild mask."

Stalin reminded Colmer of a masked man. "He showed no emotions whatsoever except when I asked him about his plans for China," Colmer said. "He bristled up saying he had none and that he had to rehabilitate his country first."

Colmer, who has the distinction of holding a seat in Congress longer than any other person in the history of Mississippi, discussed some highlights of his career which spanned a depression, three wars and 20 congressional campaigns.

"I suspect the first campaign was the toughest," Colmer recalled, "though they were all tough." Colmer never lost a congressional race. The closest race he ever had was the first, when he came in first in a five-man primary and then beat the incumbent in a runoff by about 1,5000 votes.

Arthur Smith, Hermes Gautier and Fishbait Miller helped in that first campaign when Colmer stumped the nooks and corners of the then mostly rural district. "Fishbait would go ahead to poster up the town before Mr. Colmer arrived to speak," Smith remembered. "Sometimes there would only be 10 people. Once Hermes and I ran into a country baseball game. Everybody was fighting and arguing. We were supposed to be campaigning, but we stopped to watch,

Expects Sen. Ted Kennedy to get Democratic nomination for president

until finally Hermes started umpiring."

During World War II, Colmer was named chairman of the Special Committee on Post-War Economic Policy and Planning which eventually planned the nation's conversion from a wartime to a peacetime economy. "We had 17 members and most were ranking Democrats," Colmer said. "I put in hard work on that committee. We interviewed industrial leaders, had 200 or more witnesses, and submitted 11 reports on different phases of agriculture and industry. We planned to avoid a depression like the one following World War I. That's why we went abroad."

In addition to personally interviewing the leaders of 13 nations, Colmer met with Eisenhower in a schoolhouse while overseas. "I asked him what the chances were of the Germans going Communist," he said. Ike answered, "You know Mr. Congressman a hungry belly doesn't much care what kind of government he lives under."

Colmer's most significant role in the latter part of his career was his leadership of the House Rules Committee. He won a seat on the committee in 1939 and succeeded Judge Howard W. Smith as chairman in 1967. "I did some good there," Colmer said of his service on the committee.

The Rules Committee is the funnel through which all major bills reach the House floor. It decides not only which bills should go to the floor, but also the duration and conditions of floor debate. As chairman, Colmer was considered one of the most powerful men in the House.

Colmer points with pride to his bill which created the Gulf Islands National Seashore. He is concerned though that the islands, due to pressure from the environmentalists, will not become what he had in mind.

"The idea was for the public to see those islands," he said. "The environmentalists have started a crusade to make them a wilderness. I don't want to see anything changed in the environment. Those islands would eventually have gone into the hands of commercial interests. I really wanted to preserve the islands. The idea was for the public to see and enjoy them."

Colmer predicts if the environmentalists succeed only Ship Island would be developed for real public use with the other islands becoming wilderness. "I still have hope for it to become what we had in mind," he said.

A few of Colmer's many other achievements included financing of the sand beach in Harrison County ("He got it financed by saying it was needed to protect the seawall and highway," Smith interjected) and acquisition of the research vessel Oregon and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Pascagoula.

Colmer, a consistent advocate of sound constitutional government and of prudent disbursal of the nation's tax money, was recipient of the George Washington Good Government Society Award, which is given by a non-partisan, patriotic organization that annually cites two outstanding Americans for their contribuitions toward good government. He has also been the recipient of the Americans for Constitutional Government Award and the Freedom Award from the Order of Lafayette, recognizing his strenuous fight against Communism.

The National Associated Businessmen, an organization which ranks the members of each Congress according to their voting pattern for economy and against excessive government spending, gave Colmer their Watchdog of the Treasury Award each year from the time the ratings were

begun in 1964. Additionally he scored a perfect 100 per cent rating during three congressional sessions.

The Mississippi Broadcasters Association named him their Man of the Year in 1971. He received a similar award from the American Legion's State Convention.

The warmest tribute comes from his young Republican successor Trent Lott. "He was the greatest and most humble statesman I've ever known," Cong. Lott said when contacted by telephone Monday. "One of the great experiences in my life has been in having the opportunity to work with Mr. Colmer."

Lott still considers Colmer his number one advisor. "I went by and spent two hours with him when I was home for Columbus Day," he said. "Mr. Colmer has a phenomenal control of the English language and I needed some help with wording."

The young congressman said there were many lessons he learned from the veteran congressman during the four and one-half years he served as Colmer's administrative assistant.

"The most important t ing was his ability to get along with people of all stripes," Lott said. "A classic example was John McCormack. He was a liberal Catholic Democrat from the North. Mr. Colmer was a conservative Protestant Democrat from the South. They were fast friends, though philosophically they were miles apart."

Lott said this trait of mutual admiration and respect is fast disappearing from the Washington scene.

The admiration between Lott and Colmer is two-way. The retired congressman cannot hide the pride in his expression when he speaks of his successor.

Colmer recalled the day Lott told him he would run for the Fifth Congressional District seat on the Republican ticket. "I told him fine if you want to do a crusade, but if you want to be elected you better run on the Democratic ticket," Colmer said.

Lott told his boss it was Colmer himself who had taught him to be a Republican.

Colmer described Lott's race as "remarkable."

"To begin with he was Republican," Colmer said. "He had never held public office. He was from Pascagoula and all the other cities had complained for years we had hogged the post. Then the three big political guns in the state supported his opposition."

With pride Colmer concluded: "Then he won by 16,000 votes."

Perhaps Lott summarized it best, "We have a close relationship."

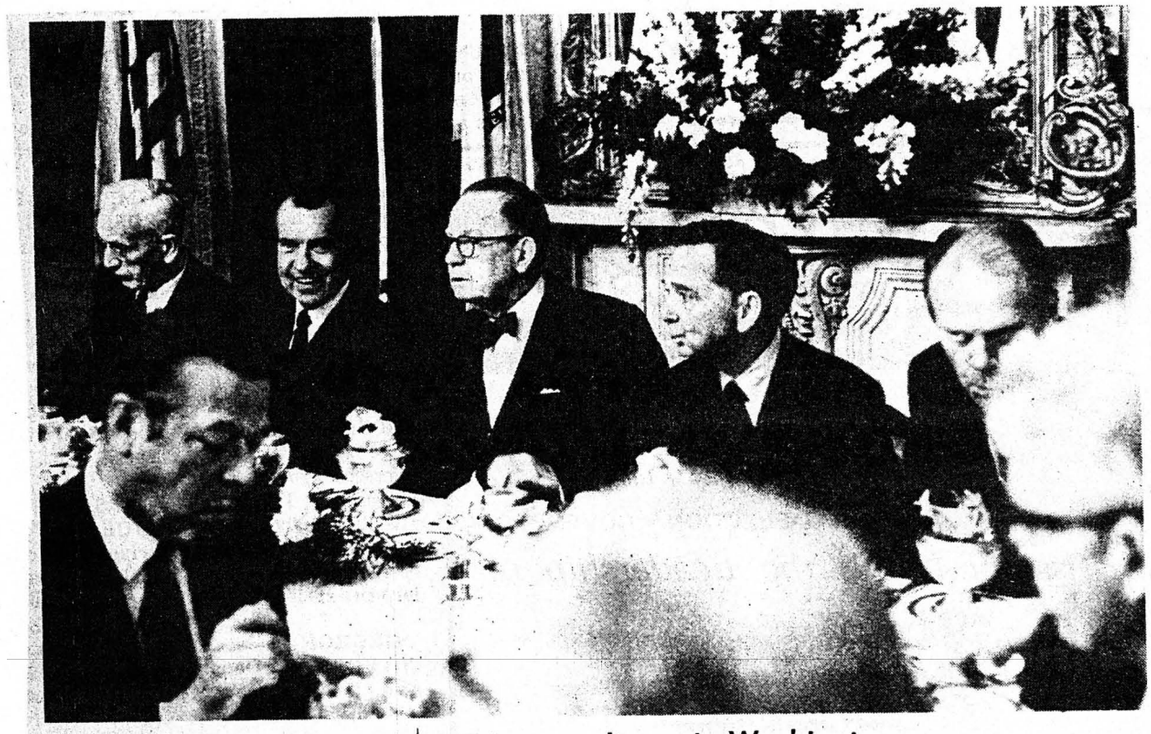
Colmer's early history began in Moss Point where he was born on Feb. 11, 1890. He was educated in the public elementary and high schools in Harrison County and worked his way through Millsaps College in Jackson. He taught public school in Lumberton from 1914 to 1917, studied law on the side, and was admitted to the bar in 1917.

Law practice, however, was delayed by the first World War. Colmer served briefly as a private, but quickly advanced through the ranks to regimental sergeant major.

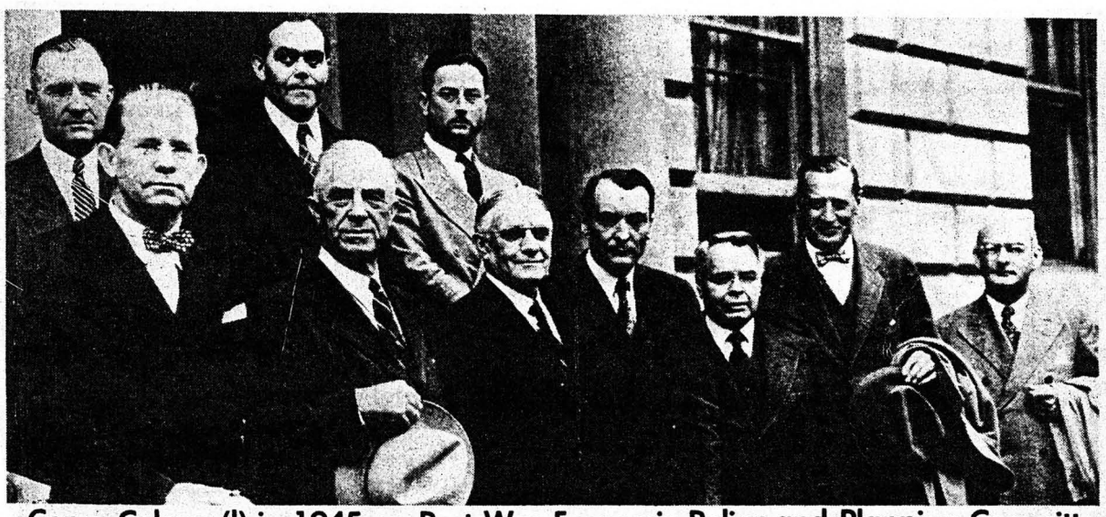
At war's end Colmer began the practice of "law and economy" in Pascagoula in 1919 and was elected county attorney of Jackson County in 1921, a post he held through 1927. Voters elevated him to district attorney in 1928. He served in that position until his election to the 72nd Congress in 1933.

Colmer is married to the former Ruth Miner of Lumberton. They have three sons: Dr. William Meyers Colmer Jr., of Pensacola, Fla., James H. Colmer, a Pascagoula attorney, and Thomas W. Colmer, a commercial artist in Chicago, Ill.

Colmer (r) with old friend, Arthur Smith



Nixon and Colmer at dinner in Washington



Cong. Colmer (l) in 1945 on Post-War Economic Policy and Planning Committee

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(Harrison and Jackson Counties)
GEO. R. SMITH

For Representative
ARTHUR V. SMITH

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Colmer Seeks Re-Election District Attorney 2nd Judicial District. Has Made Splendid Record

WILLIAM M. COLMER

ANNOUNCES FOR DIST. ATTORNEY

William M. (Bill Colmer) Would Serve District Again As Chief Prosecuting Officer.

Desiring to continue his services to the people of Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and George counties as chief prosecutor for the state, Honorable William Meyers Colmer of Pascagoula, widely known as "Bill" Colmer, has announced his candidacy for reelection to the office of district attorney of the second judicial district of Mississippi. Mr. Colmer's candidacy is subject to the will of the Democratic voters who will select party nominees at the primaries to be held in August of this year.

Mr. Colmer was elected district attorney in 1927, taking office the following January and has made a most enviable record because of his able handling of the state's business. Taking up his duties after ten years of private practice during the greater part of which time he held the office of county attorney of Jackson county, Mr. Colmer has developed into one of the outstanding prosecutors of the state and his work has attracted notice beyond the confines of his district. A prosecuting attorney possesses great power for the proper enforcement of the criminal and civil laws of a state and to him is delegated much of the direction of the work of grand juries which must depend upon the district attorney for advice and guidance in obtaining legal evidence on which they may base conclusions which affect the rights and liberties of individuals and the welfare of county and state. Mr. Colmer's work in this respect has been particularly notable and has earned him commendation from members of the bar as well as from other citizens who have observed the work of the courts.

Mr. Colmer's training previous to qualifying as district attorney and the experience he has gained during the nearly four years he has held the office, entitle him to another term. Still young in years, he has had the experience to give him the necessary understanding of the laws, customs and rights of the people in the commonwealth, all of which is necessary for the due administration of justice. On numerous occasions when a community was outraged over some revolting crime Mr. Colmer has been most diligent in ascertaining the true facts and in bringing to trial parties accused of the crime. A vigorous prosecutor, he has always considered the rights of the defendant and given him ample opportunity to obtain full justice from the courts.

Although a citizen of Pascagoula, Mr. Colmer might be considered a native to the district he serves. When a boy he resided in Stone and Harrison counties and attended public schools in McHenry and in Gulfport. As a lawyer he enjoys a large civil practice throughout the district, the law not permitting him to engage in private criminal practice. Through his official duties and his private practice Mr. Colmer has become acquainted with most of the people of the district. This

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Ocean Springs, who have rendered us their help and assistance in the burial of our much loved husband and father, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Ocean Springs, Miss., March 27, 1895.
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DEATH OF HENRY COLMER, SR.

The subject of this tribute, Bro. Henry Colmer, Sr., was born in Wissenburg Ba Rine La France, Germany, March 8, 1822; died at his home in Escatawpa, Jackson county, Miss., March 23, 1895, aged 73 years and 15 days.

The greatest portion of his long life was spent in this (Jackson) county, moving here about the year 1840. Bro. Colmer was twice married, uniting in holy wedlock first with Miss Sophie Ehlers, and second with Mrs. Antoinett Beck, of Alabama. His first marriage was blessed with six children, of whom three sons are living and sustain an enviable character.

Through the godly influence of the wife, who preceded him to the grave, he was converted to God in 1861, and cast his lot in with the M. E. Church, South, during the pastorate of Rev. Wm. H. Carter, of the Alabama Conference, and from that time to the day of his death, covering a period of about 34 years, he endeavored to adorn his profession. For many years he sustained an official relation to the church as steward and trustee, and was at the time of his death a member of the Board of Trustees for Zion Church. These offices he filled with fidelity and acceptability. He was a true and tried friend of the preacher, loved the church of his choice, was a devoted father and husband, a kind neighbor and a wise counselor for the pastors, but his crowning virtue was his zeal for God and His glorious cause.

He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, as was evidenced by the vast crowd that assembled to see his body consigned to its last resting place. Just before the last struggle came he looked up and with his finger pointing upward, as if catching a glimpse of the glories of the invisible, he said to one near by, "Good bye, I am going where Sophie (his former wife) is," and immediately passed into the spirit realms. "How blest the righteous when he dies."

May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved ones, and help them to so live that when life's journey shall have ended, they may meet husband and father where there is no parting.

J. R. ELLIS.

Escatawpa, Miss., March 26, 1895.

Port of Pascagoula.

OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR,
Scranton, Miss., March 29, 1895.

[Report for week ending Mar. 28, 1895.]

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March 25. Am. schr. Edwin A. Gaskill, 333 tons, Smith, from Caibarien.

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Mar. 21. Nor bk Fristad, 916 tons, by Hunter, Bons & Co. for Montevideo for orders, with 677,334 ft lumber, value $5,778; 34,904 ft sawn timber, value $548.

Mar. 22. Nor bk Tres Brothers, 894 tons, by

they had a pleasant time all the same.

Lieut.-Gov. M. M. Evans is off again this week proclaiming his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner. He will visit the Delta country ere he returns.

It has taken science 6,000 years to discover that kissing is deadly, and it will take science 6,000 years longer to get any book agent to pay any attention to the discovery.

Prof. C. W. Fowler, President of the Kentucky Training School, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., accompanied the remains of young Mack Denny to this place last Saturday.

I have just recived the largest and best assorted stock of Millinery goods ever brought to Moss Point. Call early, ladies, and see for yourselves.

W. H. GRAHAM.

Mr. L. N. Dantzler, Jr., visited last week the City of Mexico, and thence to San Antonio, Texas, accompanied by his brother Alf, who had an attack of pneumonia. Last heard from him, he was doing very well.

Signor Bosco, the celebrated magician, will perform three nights in the Scranton Opera House, commencing Monday night. Round trip tickets on M. & P. railroad 25 cents. Leaves Moss Point at 7:30 p. m. Returns after the performance.

Always in the Lead.

We are now opening a large stock of ladies and gents Spring Notions and Furnishing goods.

COWAN BROS.

At Mr. John Hill's store there is a tripod or Bible table made entirely of manilla rope, ornamented at the corners with true lover's knot and Turk's heads and a beautiful tassel. This is one of the most novel pieces of mechanism we ever saw before. It was made in a day or two by the first mate of the schooner Daisy Farlin and presented to Mr. John Hill's family. The table can be seen by calling at the store of Mr. John Hill.

Death of A. H. Denny.

On Thursday of last week the sad news reached Moss Point of the death of A. M. Denny from pneumonia, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., where he was attending school. On Saturday at 2 p. m. the remains arrived here in charge of his sister, Miss Mamie, who so devotedly ministered to him in his last illness, and Prof. C. W. Fowler, the president of the institution.

Mack was born November 5, 1876, and was in his 19th year. He was a good boy, pure-hearted, gentle and loving. While not a member of the church, he had recently expressed, in a letter to his mother, his purpose to unite with the Presbyterian church. Asking his sister to sit by his side and "be his guardian angel," he passed into a deep slumber and did not speak again, except in delirium. A few hours later he gently breathed his last, just as the sun was setting.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 4 p. m. Saturday by Rev. D. O. Byers and Rev. T. W. Adams. A large concourse followed the remains to the cemetery.

The bereaved mother and family have the deepest sympathy of the community in their sore affliction.

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>HENRY COLMER SR. was born March 8th 1822 in a town in Germany named
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He was born in a town called Wissembourg (Weissenburg), in the
departement Bas-Rhin in France.
It is there again, after having spent some time in Germany :-)
It is in the NE corner of Alsace, to the North of Strasbourg and to
the West of Karlsruhe.

Carsten Läkamp
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"Duty largely consists of pretending that the trivial is essential" - John
Fowles

"En Alsace, le Haut-Rhin est en bas et le Bas-Rhin est en haut. Une fois
qu'on a compris ca, on a tout compris a l'Alsace" - Les Scouts
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Escambia County Medical Society Bulletin Feb. 1998

A TRIBUTE TO BILL COLMER
(William Meyers Colmer, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.O.G.)
November 19, 1922 - January 9, 1998

My best friend and an OB-Gyn associate for many years died this month. He had bee special to me and my family ever since he and Frank Hodnette called me in 1962 durin my residency to discuss my joining the OB-Gyn Department at the Medical Center Clini Since then he frequently reminded me that the real reason he invited me was so that h would then no longer be the junior partner!

Doctor Colmer was well-loved by his patients and staff. And he took pride in his fam ily, his profession, and his community. He was proud to be a Colmer, a physician, and t be from Pensacola.

Reflecting the charm and wit of his father, who served many years in the U.S. Con gress, Doctor Colmer always displayed a formal quiet dignity with his patients, his col leagues and the medical staff. This trait was combined with his tendency to self-efface ment, and being a good listener. He possessed a ready sense of humor - reflected by laugh and his famous wry smile. These qualities later prepared him to proceed beyond hi daily practice into several, distinguished administrative positions.

In 1978, after 26 years of practicing obstetrics and gynecology, Doctor Colmer becam Medical Director of the Medical Center Clinic. And in 1980, he was appointed Medic Director of the HCA West Florida Hospital - a position he held until his retirement i 1990.

During his active practice years, Doctor Colmer was a member of the committee that i 1963, conceived and organized the community PEP medical education residency pro gram based at the University (then Escambia General) Hospital. He served as Voluntee Chief of the PEP OB-GYN residency the first 2 years of its existence. He was president o the Baptist Hospital medical staff in 1963 and practiced in all three hospitals (Baptis Sacred Heart and University) prior to the opening of HCA West Florida Hospital in 197

His committee work at the county medical society typified the significant ways h served his patients and fellow physicians. These included: Chairmanship of the Commit tee for Care of Indigent OB Patients, Membership on the Interprofessional Relations Com mittee - set up to improve relations (and referee fights!) between physicians and lawyer Membership on the Impaired Physician Committee - dealing mostly with physicians im paired by the abuse of alcohol or drugs.

In community affairs, he was active in the Health Systems Agency of NW Florida fro 1976 through 1981, and was its chairman in 1976 and 1977. He was an active member o many county, state, and national medical and specialty associations. In 1983 he was hon ored for having attained the highest level of achievement in both the practice of medicin and the management of health care organizations when he was made a Fellow of th American College of Physician Executives. In 1986 Dr. Colmer was an organizer an officer of the Medical Educational Council of Pensacola (MECOP). This organizatio continues to sponsor local medical education programs that are important because the arrange medical programs that provide CME credits in Pensacola so that area physician can earn these credits here without having to leave their practices and go elsewhere.

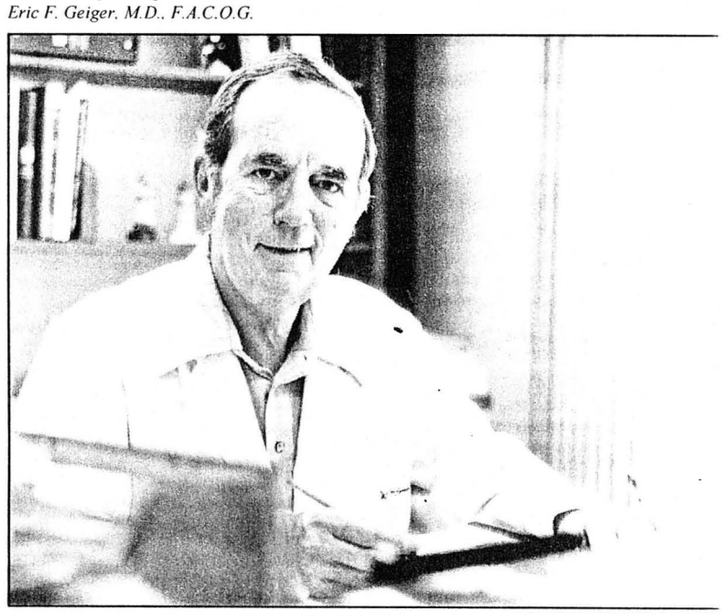
After full retirement, though his pace was slowed by advancing emphysema, Dr. Colmer' enthusiasm for learning never dimmed and he continued attending local educational con ferences right up until the week of his death.

Because of his long experience and carefully thought out opinions, his advice wa frequently sought by other hospital and medical administrators and staff.

After retiring, Dr. Colmer especially enjoyed spending time with his wife Katie, hi two sons and one grandson. His hobbies included flying, golf and hunting.

I was privileged to be his friend.

Eric F. Geiger, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.



Dr. Bill Colmer

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FIVE IN ONE FAMILY LEAD IN SCHOOL CLASSES

Above—Arthur Colmer and Alice Colmer. Below—Fred Colmer, Margaret Colmer and Percy Colmer.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. F. Colmer of Moss Point, who were graduated from the Moss Point High School and led their respective classes in studies. The three boys were honor men at college.

PRIMARY LAW IS NOW TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD

Quarter of Century Ago Nominations Were Made at Conventions by Delegates.

Meridian, Miss., May 31.—With the primary election in full swing for nomination of candidates as the standard bearers of the Democratic party, it is recalled that the primary election law was enacted in 1902 and approved by the then governor of Mississippi, A. H. Longino. Prior to that time candidates for governor and state officers were made in state conventions composed of twice as many delegate from each county as they had members in the house of representatives.

Political "dopsters" say the records show that no candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in Mississippi who received a plurrality in the first primary failed to be nominated in the second primary over his runner-up in first.

The present campaign for the gubernatorial nomination has four candidates in the field. Qualified persons desiring state offices have until July 2 to make known their inten-

CAR OF SUPPLIES ROLLS TO DELTA

Big Heart of Jackson County Again Shown by Contributions of Food and Feed.

The car of supplies for the flood sufferers that was collected under the direction of J. H. Price, county agricultural agent, and Mrs. Iola Havens, home demonstration agent, was an eloquent testimonial of the generosity of our people. Notwithstanding the fact that they had given liberally of money when the main drive for funds was on, every section of the county contributed something in the way of supplies, and the chairman and committees appointed for different sections of the county did their work notably and unselfishly.

All day Friday the supplies came in. Some were loaded right into the car, and some were carried to the agricultural office for packing and crating. Mrs. Havens and Mr. Price and their assistants worked until a

senate at the time the adult beetles are on the trees in the spring will undoubtedly reduce their numbers if control measures become necessary. Specimens of these insects or their injury should be sent to the Entomologist, A. & M. College, Miss.

Cockroaches are now numerous in many kitchens and pantries. A treatment which has never failed when done properly is dusting all cracks and runways thoroughly at night with sodium fluosilicate or sodium fluoride. Keep food covered up and apply the chemical on shelves where the roaches will walk in it. Continue treatment for several nights in succession, or longer if necessary. The Plant Board will be glad to know of any case where this treatment fails.

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1. DECEASED—NAME (First, Middle, Last): William Meyers Colmer			2. SEX: Male	3. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): September 9, 1980
4. RACE (Specify White, Black, American Indian, etc.): White	5a. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY: 90 Years	ONLY IF UNDER 1 YEAR: 5b. MOS. / 5c. DAYS	ONLY IF UNDER 1 DAY: 5d. HOURS / 5e. MINS.	6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): FEB. 11,1890
7a. COUNTY OF DEATH: Jackson	7b. CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH: Pascagoula	7c. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME AND NUMBER (If not in either, give street address, route number, or other location): Singing River Hospital 30S		7d. IF IN HOSP. OR INST., SPECIFY INPT., OUTPT., EMER. RM., OR DOA: Inpatient
8. STATE OF BIRTH: MS.	9. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY: USA	10. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify): MARRIED	11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name): RUTH ELIZABETH MINER	12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes or No): YES
13. ORIGIN OR DESCENT (Specify German, Cuban, Afro-American, Mexican, etc.): AMERICAN	14. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 427-92-1280	15a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Kind of work done most of working life): RETIRED) U.S. CONGRESSMAN	15b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: GOVERNMENT	
16a. RESIDENCE—STATE: MS.	16b. COUNTY: JACKSON	16c. CITY OR TOWN: PASCAGOULA	16d. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No): YES	16e. STREET AND NUMBER OR RURAL LOCATION: 2017-Beach Blvd.
17. FATHER—NAME (First, Middle, Last): HENRY nmn COLMER			18. MOTHER—NAME (First, Middle, Maiden): ANNA nmn MYERS	
19a. INFORMANT—NAME (Type or print): MRS. RUTH M. COLMER		19b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP code): 2017-Beach Blvd.--Pascagoula,Ms. 39567		
20a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify): Cremation	20b. CEMETERY, CREMATORY—NAME: Machpelah Cemetery	20c. LOCATION (City and State): Pascagoula,Ms.	21a. EMBALMER—SIGNATURE AND NUMBER: Roy J. O'Bryant Jr. 1071	
21b. FUNERAL HOME—NAME AND MISSISSIPPI I.D. NUMBER: O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home 30-0		21c. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP code): 4811 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi, 39567		
22a. CERTIFIER—NAME (Type or print): Findlay Maier M.D.		22b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP Code): 4211 Hospital Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi,39567		

This section to be completed by physician if NOT a coroner or medical examiner:
- 23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the causes stated. SIGNATURE ▶ Findlay Maier MD
- 23b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year): Sep. 11 1980.
- 23c. HOUR OF DEATH: 10:15 p.m.
- 23d. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or print):

This section to be completed by coroner or medical examiner ONLY:
- 24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the causes stated. SIGNATURE, TITLE ▶
- 24b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year):
- 24c. HOUR OF DEATH: m.
- 24d. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year): ON
- 24e. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour): AT m.

25. PART I, DEATH CAUSED BY:
- (a) IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter one cause only): Cerebrovascular accident — Interval between onset and death: 1 wk.
- (b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF (Enter one cause only): Atherosclerotic cerebrovascular disease. — Interval between onset and death: years
- (c) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF (Enter one cause only): — Interval between onset and death:

26. PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS— Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in PART I (a): old Posterior myocardial infarction; AV Blk.
- 27. AUTOPSY (Yes or No): NO.
- 28. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER? (Yes or No): NO.

Use if death NOT due to natural causes:
- 29a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, PENDING INVESTIGATION, OR UNDETERMINED (Specify)
- 29b. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)
- 29c. HOUR OF INJURY m.
- 29d. DESCRIBE HOW OR BY WHAT MEANS INJURY OCCURRED
- 29e. INJURY AT WORK (Yes or No)
- 29f. PLACE OF INJURY (Specify Home, Farm, Street, Factory, Office building, etc.)
- 29g. LOCATION Street or route number City or town State

30a. REGISTRAR SIGNATURE ▶ Ellen Haney DEPUTY REGISTRAR

30b. DATE CERTIFICATE RECEIVED (Month, Day, Year): Sept 11, 1980

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.
October 9th, 1980

Alton B. Cobb, M.D.
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

David Lohrisch
STATE REGISTRAR

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Sept. '97

Tombstones in Zion Cemetary on Jamestown Rd. in Escatanpa, Ms.

" In Memory of
Mrs. Ella Colmer
Born Sept. 14, 1851
Died Oct. 29, 1884 "

Harry McDonald, custodian of cemeteries in Moss Point & Escatanpa, 475-1637
Thinks "Henri was married twice. Could Ella be other wife? If so, would have to be 2nd wife since Louisa was child of Henry & Sophia & was born Oct 20, 1854. Ella was born in 1851.

no per obit of Henry Sr.

" Mena A. May
Daughter of Henry & Anna Colmer
Born June —, 1884
Died Sept —, 1892 "

actually born Aug. 5 '92 per obit.

" Mrs. Maria Meyers
a native of Germany
Born Aug 25, 1824
Died Jan. 4, 1880 / 1890 / 1899 ? "

" G. H. Meyers
Born Nov. 3, 1831
Died Nov. 26, 1885 "

Tombstone in Elder Cemetary in Escatanpa

" Louisa - born Oct 20, 1854 - died July 26, 1865 -
daughter of H. and Sophia Colmer "

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Colmer/Kolmer Family History

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department of the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1901; was admitted to the bar in 1901 and commenced practice in Meridian, Lauderdale County, Miss.; attorney general of Mississippi 1912–1920; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Mississippi in 1919; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-seventh and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921–January 3, 1935); was not a candidate for renomination in 1934, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; elected to the Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh Congresses (January 3, 1937–January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1941; was not a candidate for renomination in 1942, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; resumed the practice of law; died in Meridian, Miss., July 14, 1968; interment in Magnolia Cemetery.

COLLINS, Samuel LaFort, a Representative from California; born in Fortville, Hancock County, Ind., on August 6, 1895; attended the public schools of Indiana and California and was graduated from Chaffey Union High School of Ontario, Calif., in 1915; enlisted as a private in the Hospital Corps, Seventh Infantry, California National Guard, on June 21, 1916, served on the Mexican border, and was discharged on November 11, 1916; during the First World War served in the United States Army from September 18, 1917, until discharged on April 29, 1919, being overseas as a sergeant in Company C, Three Hundred and Sixty-fourth Infantry, Ninety-first Division; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1921 and commenced practice in Fullerton, Calif.; assistant district attorney of Orange County, Calif., 1926–1930 and district attorney 1930–1932; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1933–January 3, 1937); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; member of the State assembly 1940–1952, serving as speaker 1947–1952; resumed the practice of law; died in Fullerton, Calif., June 26, 1965; interment in Loma Vista Memorial Park.

COLLINS, William (son of Ela Collins), a Representative from New York; born in Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y., February 22, 1818; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Lowville; district attorney for Lewis County 1845–1847; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847–March 3, 1849); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1848; moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1853 and continued the practice of law; also engaged in banking; served as a director of the Lake Shore Railroad and East Cleveland Railroad; affiliated with the Republican Party upon its organization in 1856; died in Cleveland, Ohio, June 18, 1878; interment in Lake View Cemetery.

COLMER, William Meyers, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Moss Point, Jackson County, Miss., February 11, 1890; attended the public schools and Millsaps College at Jackson, Miss.; taught school at Lumberton, Miss., 1914–1917; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1917; during the First World War served as a private in the Quartermaster Corps, advancing through the ranks to regimental sergeant major, and served from July 24, 1918, to March 17, 1919; commenced the practice of law in Pascagoula, Miss., in 1919; county attorney of Jackson County, Miss., 1921–1927; district attorney of the second district of Mississippi from 1928 until his resignation in 1933, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the eighteen succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933–January 3, 1971); unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in 1947. *Reelected to the Ninety-second Congress.*

COLQUITT, Alfred Holt (son of Walter Terry Colquitt), a Representative and a Senator from Georgia; born in Monroe, Walton County, Ga., April 20, 1824; attended school in Monroe, and was graduated from Princeton College in 1844; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1846 and commenced practice in Monroe, Ga.; served as a staff officer with the rank of major during the Mexican War; elected to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853–March 3, 1855); was not a candidate for renomination in 1854; member of the State house of representatives in 1859; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Breckinridge and Lane in 1860; member of the State secession convention in 1861; entered the Confederate service as captain and was later commissioned colonel of the Sixth Georgia Infantry; promoted successively to the rank of brigadier general and major general and served throughout the Civil War; Governor of Georgia 1876–1880; reelected under a new constitution for two years; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1883; reelected in 1888 and served from March 4, 1883, until his death in Washington, D. C., March 26, 1894; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Ga.

COLQUITT, Walter Terry (father of Alfred Holt Colquitt), a Representative and a Senator from Georgia; born in Halifax County, Va., December 27, 1799; moved with his parents to Mount Zion, Carroll County, Ga.; attended the common schools and Princeton College; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Sparta, Hancock County, Ga.; moved to Cowpens, Ga.; elected judge of the Chattahoochee circuit in 1826 and reelected in 1829; was licensed a Methodist preacher in 1827; member of the State senate in 1834 and 1837; elected as a State Rights Whig to the Twenty-sixth Congress and served from March 4, 1839, to July 21, 1840, when he resigned, having refused to support General Harrison for President; elected as a Van Buren Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress to fill in part vacancies caused by the resignations of Julius C. Alford, William C. Dawson, and Eugenius A. Nisbet, and served from January 3, 1842, to March 3, 1843; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1843, until his resignation in February 1848; member of the Nashville convention in 1850; died in Macon, Ga., May 7, 1855; interment in Linnwood Cemetery, Columbus, Ga.

COLSON, David Grant, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Yellow Creek (now Middlesboro), Knox (now Bell) County, Ky., April 1, 1861; attended the common schools and the academies at Tazewell and Mossy Creek, Tenn.; studied law at the University of Kentucky at Lexington in 1879 and 1880; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Pineville; examiner and special examiner in the Pension Bureau of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., from September 1882 to June 1886; returned to Kentucky in 1887; member of the State house of representatives in 1887 and 1888; mayor of Middlesboro 1893–1895; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1895–March 3, 1899); colonel of a Kentucky regiment during the Spanish-American War: retired; died in Middlesboro, Ky., September 27, 1904; interment in Colson Cemetery.

COLSTON, Edward, a Representative from Virginia; born at "Honeywood," near Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Va. (now West Virginia), December 25, 1786; studied under private teachers, and was graduated from Princeton College, Princeton, N. J., in 1806; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; served in the War of 1812; member of the State house of delegates 1812–1814, 1816, 1817, 1823–1828, and 1833; high sheriff of Berkeley County 1844 and 1845; elected as a Federalist to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817–March 3, 1819); died

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Presented by Mrs G. H. Reeves for membership in the Beauvoir Chapter of United Daughters of Confederacy at Gulfport, Mississippi. Papers registered Feb. 12, 1916

I was born in Escatawpa, Mississippi, Jackson County. I am the great niece of Charles Ehlers, who belonged to Co. F. 27th Mississippi Regiment and who was given an honorable discharge the the end of the war.

Charles Ehlers enlisted in the Confederate Army, December 1861 at Pascagoula, Miss. Co. F. under Capt. Bruno Griffin. H e served the four years but was wounded in the left arm in the Battle of Atlanta, Ga. He is living and is 77 years old.

Mrs Herman Reeves

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The State of Mississippi }
Jackson County } Know all men by these presents, that we Mary Louisa Smith, wife of Wm. H. Smith and Wm. H. Smith, her husband here present and consenting to the execution of these presents, for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars to us in hand paid by Henry Colmer, Sr. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold conveyed and delivered unto the said Henry Colmer Sr and to his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever the following described land and appurtenances, situated, lying and being in the County of Jackson and State of Mississippi and described as follows, to wit, The N½ of the N½ of N.E¼ of Section 18. Township No 7, S of R No 5 West, containing 240 acres, more or less, Also one half of a steam saw mill, blacksmith shop and site on which the same is situated, and all the tools and fixtures belonging to the same; it being situated in the South West corner of the North West quarter of the North west quarter of Section 20. T. 7 S of R. 5 W. together with all and singular the rights, members privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, To have and to hold unto the said Henry Colmer Sr. his heirs and assigns forever, free from the claim of the said Louisa Smith and her husband Wm. H. Smith, their heirs and assigns forever and free from the claims or demands of all persons whomsoever. And it is agreed and understood between the parties hereto that this conveyance is only made to perfect a deed heretofore given on the 26th day of February A. D. 1872, and recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office of said County in Book D pages 389 & 390. Records of Jackson.

In testimony whereof, the said Louisa Smith and her husband Wm. H. Smith hereto put their hands and seals this 18th day of August A. D. 1872.

M. L. Smith (Seal)
Wm. H. Smith (Seal)

The State of Mississippi }
Jackson County } Before me, C. H. Alley, clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said County, this day personally appeared Wm. H. Smith and his wife Mary L. Smith who severally acknowledged that they signed, sealed & delivered the within deed on the day of the date thereof as their act and deed & the said Mary Louisa Smith, wife of the said Wm. H. Smith, having been by me examined separate and apart from her said husband, acknowledges that she signed, sealed, and delivered the same as her voluntary act and deed, without any threat, fear or compulsion of or from her said husband

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of August, A.D. 1872
C. H. Alley. Clerk.
(Seal)

The State of Mississippi }
Jackson County } I, Cadmus H. Alley, Clerk of the Chancery Court of said County, do certify that the foregoing deed was filed for record on the 18th day of August 1872 and

School Records plus — indexed by Elise Marler

COLMER, EDWARD	*Woods School* Attended Jun-Sep	6 WM	Sum 1889
COLMA, ED	*MP Dist JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **H. Colma**	8 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, EDDIE	*Moss Point Academy* Attended May-Aug	7 WM	Sum 1890
COLMER, EDWARD	*Moss Point Academy Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	7 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, EDDIE	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	10 WM	Jun 1892
COLMER, EDWARD	*MP School Enumeration* Par/Guar: **H. Colmer**	9 WM	1894-95
COLMER, EDWARD E.	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	12 WM	Jun 1896

COLMER, F.

Democrat-Star, MP Dept — Dec 18, 1891
Elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year of The Escatawpa Lodge Knights of Honor, No. 3,115, at regular meeting, Dec 12, 1891.

COLMER, H., Jr.

TRUSTEE, *Zion School* — 1887-88
Served Nov-Feb winter term

COLMA, H.

MP Dist JCo School Enumeration — Jun 1890
Parent/Guardian of the following educable children. Why did **A. A. Vaughan, enumerator,** list all of these children with **H. Colmer**? Perhaps their parents were not at home when the census was taken and **H. Colmer** provided names and ages of neighbors children.

Leon Colma	14 WM
Henry Colma	12 WM
Marvin Colma	10 WM
Ed Colma	8 WM
Mena Colma	6 WF
Mena Jones	18 WM
H. A. Jones	16 WM
W. A. Jones	14 WM
A. Watson	5 CM
L. E. Apperton	5 CM
M. E. Apperton	8 CM
Less House	10 CF
Bell House	8 CF
L. E. Allin	6 CM
Alice Allin	7 CF
Earley Allin	9 CM
Loullin Allin	12 CF

COLMER, HENRY — *Moss Point Academy Enumeration* — Jun 1890

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Leon Colmer	14 WM
Henry Colmer	13 WM
Marvin Colmer	10 WM
Edward Colmer	7 WM

COLMER, H., Jr. — *Democrat-Star Advertisement* — Jan 30, 1891

..FRESH...CORN MEAL & CRACKED CORN
The undersigned proprietor of the
ESCATAWPA GRIST MILL,
is prepared to fill orders for
CORN MEAL, CRACKED CORN,
and all kinds of FEED,
delivered free of charge,
and at rates as cheap as the cheapest.
My post office address is Moss Point, Miss.
H. COLMER, JR., PROPRIETOR,
ESCATAWPA GRIST MILL
Date on ad, Jan 30, 1890

COLMER, H., Jr. — *Democrat-Star, MP Dept* — Dec 18, 1891

Elected Chaplain, **H. Colmer, Jr.** of the Escatawpa Lodge Knights of Honor No.3,115, at the regular meeting December 12, 1891. Also elected Alternate Representative to the Grand Lodge.

COLMER, HENRY — *T7 R6 JCo School Enumeration* — Jun 1892

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Leon Colmer	16 WM
Henry Colmer	14 WM
Marvin Colmer	12 WM
Eddie Colmer	10 WM
Mena Colmer	8 WF
Maud Colmer	5 WF

COLMER, H. — *S25 T7 R6 MP School Enumeration* — 1894-95

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Maud Colmer	7 WF
Edward Colmer	9 WM
Leon Colmer	18 WM
Henry Colmer	14 WM
Martin Colmer	12 WM

COLMER, HENRY — *T7 R6 JCo School Enumeration* — Jun 1896

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Albert L. Colmer	19 WM
Henry G. Colmer	17 WM
Marvin Colmer	15 WM
Edward E. Colmer	12 WM
Maud Colmer	10 WF

	Eva Colmer	8 WF	
	Willie Colmer	6 WM	
COLMER, HENRY	*1850 Jackson Co MS Census* Born c. 1824 in Germany		
COLMER, HENRY, JR.	*Zion School* Attended Summer term	8 WM	Sum 1886
COLMER, HENRY	*Zion School* Attended Winter term	8 WM	1886-87
COLMER, HENRY	*Zion School* Attended Winter term	9 WM	1887-88
COLMER, HENRY	*Woods Public School* Attended July	11 WM	Sum 1889
COLMA, HENRY	*MP Dist JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **H. Colma**	12 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, HENRY	*Moss Point Academy Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	13 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, HENRY	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	14 WM	Jun 1892
COLMER, HENRY	*MP School Enumeration* Par/Guar: **H. Colmer**	14 WM	1894-95
COLMER, HENRY G.	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	17 WM	Jun 1896
COLMER, LEON	*Zion School* Attended Summer term	10 WM	Sum 1886
COLMER, LEON	*Zion School* Attended Winter term	10 WM	1886-87
COLMER, LEON	*Zion School* Attended Winter term	11 WM	1887-88
COLMER, LEON	*Woods School* Attended Jun-Sep	13 WM	Sum 1889
COLMA, LEON	*MP Dist JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **H. Colma**	14 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, LEON	*Moss Point Academy* Attended 78 of 80 days	11 WM	Sum 1890
COLMER, LEON	*Moss Point Academy Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	14 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, LEON	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	16 WM	Jun 1892
COLMER, LEON	*MP School Enumeration* Par/Guar: **H. Colmer**	18 WM	1894-95
COLMER, ALBERT L.	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	19 WM	Jun 1896

COLMER, MARVIN	*Zion School* Attended Winter term	6 WM	1887-88
COLMER, MARVIN	*Woods School* Attended Jun-Sep	8 WM	Sum 1889
COLMA, MARVIN	*MP Dist JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **H. Colma**	10 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, MARVIN	*Moss Point Academy* Attended May-Aug	9 WM	Sum 1890
COLMER, MARVIN	*Moss Point Academy Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	10 WM	Jun 1890
COLMER, MARVIN	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	12 WM	Jun 1892
COLMER, MARTIN	*MP School Enumeration* Par/Guar: **H. Colmer**	12 WM	1894-95
COLMER, MARVIN	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	15 WM	Jun 1896
COLMER, MARVIN	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Geo. Bowen**	9 WM	Jun 1892
COLMER, MAUD	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	5 WF	Jun 1892
COLMER, MAUD	*MP School Enumeration* Par/Guar: **H. Colmer**	7 WF	1894-95
COLMER, MAUD	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	10 WF	Jun 1896
COLMA, MENA	*MP Dist JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **H. Colma**	6 WF	Jun 1890
COLMER, MENA	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	8 WF	Jun 1892
COLMER, EVA?	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	8 WF	Jun 1896
COLMER, WILLIE	*T7 R6 JCo School Enum* Par/Guar: **Henry Colmer**	6 WM	Jun 1896

Dietmar Kolmer
Frankfurter Str. 32 a, 63128 Dietzenbach, Germany
Tel.: 06074-41546, Fax: 06074-26527

Dietzenbach, April 11,1995

Dear James
Thank you very much for your letter and your information.
I am very sorry to answer so late. In December 1994 I mailed more than 350 letters to America and all the work had to be done. After Christmas time and in January I got about 100 answers back, about 100 letters could not find their way and more than 150 didn't answer. At the other side they're are a lot of K/Col/lme/ars who answer for parts of their family. Now in March 95 I mailed again 350 letters to America.
165 new letters in Germany.
Firsts I had had to open a data bank where I put in all the addresses and what they have got of me. Then I had to registrate what I´ve got back or not.
Then I put all the information I got in a genealogical program called Ftree; not only the dates, even the letters and pictures. I scan all the pictures and put them into the computer to the personal dataforms.
This computerprogram is so developed that you can write a book with all the information. So at the beginning you have more work but after putting in the information it is more easy.

How did I get the addresses of all the different K/Col/lme/ars? I bought in the destinated countries the telefonbooks on CD, if it was possible For America for example I needed the zip-cd to. Mostly in the telefonbook the number of the house was missing. So I had to hope for the letter carrier (my be he rings twice).
Trough all my researches I found out that a lot of ways go back to Switzerland and France. All the reasons and ways the K/Col/lme/ars told me are nearly equal. There are K/Col/lme/ars they went from Austria to Poland/Russian border and from that place to Germany after the second world war. Then I found K/Col/lme/ars they went from Bavaria/Germany to Austria. Then I found K/Col/lme/ars their ancestors where gone from Poland to Canada. They came from the same place than the others went to Germany but they don't know. Now I bring them together if they use the information I can give. And so on and so on.. This Kolmer in Canada for example sends me a newspaper message of the killing from Shirley Kolmer and her sister and the other nuns. He didn't now them.
I can find the lines/branches or where they come from, if I get more and more information. It doesn't matter how you write the K/Col/lme/ars name. In that time 16... the names had often changed. Sometimes the priests or other government departments who had been responsible could write or spell the name. So it changed from time to time. The paper of my direct branch I sended with in my first letter, was in a second way to explain how the name could change in writing.
Sometimes I could link K/Col/lme/ars over the family they married in. Therefore it is necessary to give me the names and if **possible the birth/and death dates.**
So if you have some more information, please mail it to me. Maybe you can talk to your family around you about my work and what I do that they will send me information too. All the people can use my genealogical information I collected for their further generations.

It also would be very helpful for me if you could look in your telefonbook for the K/Col/lme/ars name in any possible written way and send the addresses to me.

Enclosed there is a page with the K/Col/lme/ars I have found from Mississippi. **Do you know other addresses.** Please complete the addresses, sometimes I have only parts of the address. My information is two years old. If you know one of the listed K/Col/lme/ars write at the side your relationship.

The information you mailed to me is very interesting, but whom did you marry to/in? Do you/the other family members have kids. **Please talk to your family to give me information.** That is the only possibility to find all connections or as much as possible? Do your relatives have more information about their background? In which families did they marry in. Sometimes you find relatives over sidelines or names you married in. Most of the **3572** K/Col/lme/ars I have married in German names sometimes in English names if they first immigrated to England and from England to America.

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What about your kids? Didn't they marry uptil now? Do they have children? Please write their spouses dates. What about your husbands family? The genealogical databank is only up to date if I get the newest information. So feel free to copy the plain forms and send the papers back with the information.

Well James, I suppose you mean with Arthur Colmer - Arthur R. Colmer from Moss Point. I feel sorry but he didn´t write in his fist letter anything aboung James H. Colmer. I have written him a new letter to send me more information. I think I must not be afraid that you can not help me. You should only write your parents names and birthdates, your kid, and grandparents. That would be very helpful. Other members of your family write down their family members and I can bring them together.

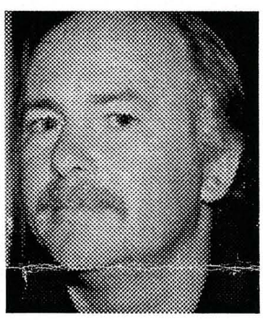
I can do or arrange something for you, if you or your family visit Germany or we can meet us.

Do you have addresses of any *K/Col/lme/ars*, please send them to me.--> may be you have some new.

Do you have pictures of you, your family or other relatives. I scan them into the computer. So the pictures are in conjunction with the information I have. Later on, if someone of your family or other relatives does genealogical researches, can see who he or she was.
My brother Mathias for example is looking like an relativ of my mother's line. This ancestor was born 120 years back. My brother has thought I would make computer jokes with him.

Thank you very much and let's keep in contact.

All the information I have written to you made me to research the ***K/Col/lme/ars*** name, because I think most of the ***K/Col/lme/ars*** belongs together. That was why I started digging our name world wide. At the moment I have 3572 ***K/Col/lme/ars.***



I am looking forward to your next letter.
Sincerely

12 mars 1998

James H. Colmer, Sr.
2101 ~~2107~~ Beach Blvd.
Pascagoula, Mississippi
USA
à
M. Bernard Weigel
Archives Municipales
Hôtel de ville
67160 WISSEMBOURG
FRANCE

Monsieur,

Votre lettre du 12 février 1998 est arrivée et bien appréciée. Bien qu je n'ai pas attendu que vous fissiez autant recherche que vous avez apparemment conduit, je vous néanmoins remercie pour ces efforts. Je ne lis pas français, mais une amie ist aussi interressée comme moi dans ce projet-ci, et elle a traduit votre lettre. Maintenant elle poursuit l'écriture de la traduction de l'autre matière que vous m'avez envoyé.

Je donne des pensées à une méthode de découvrir l'information additionnelle que vous avez démandé. Par example, je n'ai pas mentionné que le nom "Colmer" est aussi Collmer, Colmar, Collmar, Kolmer, Kollmer, etc. Mais peut-être l'avez vous compris. Malheureusement, l'État de Mississippi n'a pas des registres de morts ~~qui~~ auparavant 1912, mais j'examinerai le mariage enregistre au tribunal. Parce que Henri avait approximativement 18 ans quand il est arrivé en ce pays-ci, je pense qu'il s'est marié après son arrivée aux Étas Unis. Je contacterai les centres diocesans pour découvrir s'il y a des registres de l'église. J'ai déterminé à la département de la généalogie de la bibliothèque publique que la femme d'Henri, Sophie Ehlers, était née en Allemagne, mais je ne sais pas dans quelle ville. Je vous écrirai encore quand j'ai fait des recherches en plus.

Il m'intéresse beaucoup de savoir quelque chose de votre-même, comme vous m' avez dévoté beaucoup d'effort. J'espère que je peux, quelque jour, faire votre connaissance, si je visite la ville de Wissembourg. Peut-être il vous intéresse à savoir que mon père était un membre du Congrès des Ètats Unis pendant quarante ans. Aussi, c'était lui que a mené à la politique son aide, Trent Lott, maintenant Chef du Partie République (la majorité) dans le Sénat des États Unis. M. Lott ~~is~~ est souvent mentionné comme candidat pour Président ou Vice-président des États Unis.

Encore, je vous rémercie pour votre assistance. Veuillez agreer, Monsieur, mes voeux cordiaux.

24 novembre 1997

M. Pierre Bertrand
La mairie
11 Place de la République
67160 Wissenbourg
FRANCE

Monsieur le maire,

Un ami en Allemagne m'a donné votre nom comme une personne capable de m'aider dans ma recherche pour des informations au sujet de mon arrière-grand-père, Henry (Henri) Colmer, l'ainé, né à "Wissenbourg Ba Rine La France, Germany" le 8 mars 1822, d'après sa nécrologie, (ci-joint).

Naturellement, je comprends que vous ne pouvez pas attendre à cette matière votre-même. Néanmoins, j'espère que vous pouvez reporter ma demande à l'autorité approprié, tel que le greffier de registres, le historien, ou peut-être à quelque personne dans votre région avec un interêt dans la généalogie.

Mon information, seulement oui-dire, est que ce Henri Colmer était, peut-être, un constructeur des bateaux; aussi, il voyageraient à Nova Scotia, Canada, et de là, à la Novelle-Orléans, Louisiana. À la fin, il s'installait à une petite ville au près de ma résidence à Pascagoula, Mississippi, USA. Parmi des autres compagnons de son voyage, il y avait, peut-être, Mena Meyers et Sophia Ehlers (plus tard, sa femme), aussi bien que des autres membres de la famille Colmer.

Je serais réconnaissant des renseignements à propos de la famille Colmer à Wissnbourg, tel que les dates de la naissance et la mort des parents de Henri ou des frères et des soeurs, où ils résidaient, et comme ils ont été employés.

Je comprends que tel recherche prend du temps; par conséquent, je voudrais vous assurer que je serais content de dédommager quiconque peut m'aider. Naturellement, je voudrais avoir une estimation du coût en avance.

Avec l'espoir de votre assistance, je vous prie de recevoir, Monsieur, l'expression respectueuse de tous mes compliments.

James H. Colmer, Sr.

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Mrs. G. H. Reeves,
1017 Fairview
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Maude:

I've always heard that you are the historian of the Colmer family so I amm coming to you for information for Fred. His daughter, Betty, can secure a UDC scholarshipx if she can prove that a relative served in the Confederate Army. Fred thought that our grahdfather Colmer might have served in this Army and asked me to find out for him.

I've heard my father say that his father was captured by the Yankees when they took Pascagoula and that he was imprisoned at Fort Mass, on Ship Island. The poor treatment he received there hastened his death. I don't remember any reference to army service. Do you know? If you do, how can it be proved to the satisfaction of the North Carolina UDC?

Please write directly to Fred at 917 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina at your earliest convenience and tell him what you know. He will certainly appreciate anything you can do in his behalf.

I heard through family circles that you had been in poor health recently. I hope by this time that you have fully recovered and are getting along all right.

As you probably know, we had a family reunion here Christmas. Alice & Margaret from Moss Point and Arthur and his wife from Baton Rouge and Ernest & Bess. We had a grand time, eating and drinking and talking up a storm. Both of our boys were here of course and they thoroughly enjoyed seeing the kinfolks and listening to the conversation.

Commenting on the conversation makes me think that I overlool on the fact that I called Ernest this morning and he doesn't know anything about ier. It seems that Uncle Charlie talked family very little with his family.

Give my regards to Herman and with best wishes, Iam

Sincerely

Tracy

ing a copy of this letter to Marvin as I've also been told that he has accum bit of Colmer history.

Jackson, Mississpii
1017 Fairview
February 4, 1955

Dear Fred;

I had a letter from Percy recently asking me to give you some data on grand-father Colmer's service record in the Confederate Army. First, I thank him for the signal honor he has conferred on me as historian for the Colmer family. This I do not deserve as I have been away from the Colmers so long, having moved from Gulfport in 1922; therefore I have been unable to talk or keep up with the Clan.

I am so sorry that I have seemingly been negligent in getting some information to you at an earlier date. At the time my first thought was to get the information from the registrar of the Beauvoir Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Gulfport where I was once a member and, also, served as secretary. She has sent me a copy of my application blank which I am attaching to this letter. I knew at the time, this data came from my father as he told me I had this great uncle in the war. Now, father told me he as a young boy was captured one evening while out on his horse rounding up the cattle; but, he was not held as a prisoner very long. Just long enough to get the information the enemy wanted. The registrar told me in her letter that if the person wanting this information about my uncle Charles , expected to apply for membership in the UDC, she should have further information than that shown on my application in file with Beauvoir Chapter. In fact, she said a long time ago,(and it was when I joined) an applicant did not have to furnish birth dates, marriages and deaths on the record of the service man. So, she advised me to go to Dept. of Archives to get this added information.

Yesterday, I wnt down to see them as I have so many good friends there and they were so accommodating. They looked up Uncle Charles war record , but had nothing on that, but did find in the files further information where he had applied for a pension on September 15, 1916. This pension was applied for the same year I became a member of the U. D. C. So, I am enclosing this with my registered information. I called their attention the the Company F. appearing on my application and Company L. shown on his pension application. They did not think this would make any difference.

While in the Dept. I asked about grandfather Colmer's record as a prisoner, but the told me they had nothing in the files and had this looed it up for a Fred Colmer who lived in Greensboro, N. C. I am so sorry I have been late sending this data. I am unable to drive car right now as I was in hospital before Christmas with a ruptured disk. Have to be very careful forawhile. Happy to say I am up and going tho .

Hope Betty will be able to use this data and be sucessful in securing scholarship. I heard she was very brilliant. Would love to know your

second page of letter missing

February 13, 1946

Dr. Albert E. Casey,
The Baptist Hospital,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Dr. Casey:

I have your letter of the 4th instant, inquiring about Dr. George Colmer who lived in Springfield, Louisiana, and who was the first man to describe an epidemic of infantile paralysis.

I regret very much that I cannot give you any definite information about Dr. Colmer. However, I am convinced that he was a relative of my grandfather, Henry Colmer, who died in Mississippi about 1898 or 1899. My father, Henry Colmer, Junior, visited Springfield and the grave of Dr. Colmer during his lifetime and was convinced that Dr. Colmer was likely a brother of his father -- but he had no proof of this. My own knowledge on the subject is so limited since my grandfather died shortly after my birth and my own father died before I became interested in matters of this sort. However, the best conclusion I can arrive at from the meager information I have is that Dr. Colmer was a relative, and possibly my grandfather's brother. I might add that I have always understood that my grandfather came to Mississippi and that his brother went to Louisiana. I understood, too, that Dr. George Colmer never married, but I have always been under the impression that my grandfather came to this country from Alsace Lorraine and somewhere in the neighborhood of Colmar

However, as a result of some publicity which I received as the result of a recent trip abroad I have been in correspondence with a Mr. Francois Henry Colmer of Paris, who tells me that his people were from England. His father had a brother named George but he does not know what his profession was. He, like I, seems to know very little about his people since his father died three months before his birth.

You will observe from this that my people were not among the "Mayflowerites" but were rather recent comers to this country. Some years ago right after I came to Washington I attempted to find out something about the family history through the Congressional Library but did not learn much. I did, of course, find quite a bit about it on the continent and something in England. Incidentally, my son, William H. Junior, who is not a Lieutenant in the Navy Medical Corps and who graduated at the Vanderbilt Medical School in 1943, saw a reference to your article in the medical journal about Dr.

George Colmer and called it to my attention. If you have a copy of the biography that you could send me, it would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Billy Why don't you Write

Fred

COPY

FRANK S. SPENCER
LILLIAN COLE

To be married - Mr. Dave Cole announces the marriage of his niece, Lillian J. Cole to Frank S. Spencer, Tuesday November eleventh, 1:30 p.m., 1924, at the Cedar Church in Sherman, Texas. After November twenty-first, they will be at home Sherman, Texas, Route 4.

1924
from invitation

FRITZ COLMER

Moss Point Loses Beloved Citizen - Fritz Colmer stricken suddenly Wednesday noon in the 74th year. Fritz Colmer, aged 73 years, died at his home in Moss Point on Wednesday, July 5, at noon, his death being quite sudden, although he had been in failing health for some weeks.

The funeral was held this Friday morning at ten o'clock from the Methodist Church at Moss Point, Rev. W. H. Lewis performing the last offices of the church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Corley of Lucedale, and the other pastors of Moss Point.

Fritz Colmer was born in Jackson County, and has lived in Moss Point for the past fifty years, during which time he has taken an active part in the industrial, civic, social and religious life of the county. He was a member of an old family that came from Alsace-Lorraine and early settled in the pine region of Mississippi.

For forty years he served as secretary of the Moss Point Methodist Sunday School, was chairman of the board of stewards of his church, secretary of the Moss Point Rotary Club, past master of the Masonic Lodge, past commander of the Gulf Coast Commendery Knights Templars, past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Biloxi, and past patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

His wife, to whom he was married in 1894, was Miss Maggie McIntosh, a native of Meaford, Canada. His surviving children are R. P. Colmer of Moss Point, who has only recently been named acting chief inspector of the Mississippi State Plant Board at Mississippi State College; Fred Colmer, metallurgist of Birmingham, Ala.; Arthur Colmer, instructor in science at McComb High School; Misses Alice and Margaret Colmer, teachers in county schools, and one brother Charles Colmer of Perkinston. Congressman W. M. Colmer of the Sixth District is a nephew.

Times Picayune and
Moss Point Advertiser
1933

To: William Colmer Esq.
From: Francis Henry Colmer

6-10-4

12 Rue Singer, Paris 16e

Dear Sir:

If you look upon my attempt to know you as a liberty please throw this letter into the waste-paper-basket and think no more of it.

However, having read in The Paris "Daily-Mail" of your political activities, and seeing with astonishment the name of William Colmer, I am tempted, or incited, to write to you, altho! the address is somewhat doubtful, and ask if you are able to give me any information about the antecedents of the Colmer family.

Of course it is no secret that the name is very rare, and altho! I have met several, not one of them could ever tell me anything of interest. My father, Dr. Samuel Colmer was born in the town of Bath-Sommersetshire, he had one brother whose name was William and who went to the states very young. You, of course, are too young to be that William as my father was born in 1842 and his brother was older by several years. In the town of Bath there is a family, merchants, who tell me, i.e. Thomas Colmer and his two maiden sisters that besides themselves there are no other Colmers, they were born there; there is, or was a Joseph Grose Colmer, C. M. G. civil servant, occupying a position of some importance in the Home office. With that my knowledge stops. T. Colmer was a graduateof the University of London. He died in 1872, was married to the daughter of a civil engineer, William Owen, of Odessa, Russia, whose wife was born in Trouville. The family was very numerous and all were brought up in Russia. My mother met my father while travelling and after her marriage never left England.

Perhaps by some lucky chance you can tell me something about the family, I guess it would also be interesting for you or perhaps for your children, for myself it is less as I have no sons, and my grand-children bear another name. Sorry to be the last of the Colmers..... To speak of myself it is hardly worthwhile. I was for many years teacher of language in a military school in Russia, the revolution of course ruined me, I escaped with my family in 1919 to Italy, where we lived for ten years, since Mussolini forbade foreigners to work in Italy, I was forced to come to France. My daughter is now married to an "Industriel" and I continue my teaching, and live with my wife near to my daughter. We are old but healthy, and even think of a voyage to the States when things become more settled. Kindly excuse me, and believe me, Dear Sir.

Yours,

/s/ F. H. Colmer

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Pascagoula Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Department
Colmer/Kolmer Family History

Bernard WEIGEL
Archives Municipales
Hôtel de ville
67160 WISSEMBOURG

à

M. James H. COLMER
2101 Beach Blvd
PASCAGOULA MS 39567-7449
USA

Wissembourg, le 12 février 1998,

Monsieur,

Votre courrier au sujet de votre ancêtre Henri COLMER m'a été transmis m'a beaucoup intéressé. J'ai fait des recherch malheureusement je n'ai pas trouvé trace de Henri COLMER. En 1822 aucun Colmer n'est né à Wissembourg. Avez-vous vérifié l'acte de décès de H.C. chez vous ? Avez-vous cherché trace de son mariage ?

En attendant j'ai eu tout de même la curiosité de noter toutes les indications de Colmer à Wissembourg où ils n'ont pas été nombreux, heureusement pour moi. Ces recherches m'ont conduit

ensuite à Altenstadt (petit village voisin de ma petite ville = 7500 habitants) puis à Salmbach.

Vous trouverez copie de tout ce que j'ai pu trouver.

Je suis tout prêt à continuer cette recherche qui, je le répète, m'intéresse, si vous pouviez me fournir des indications supplémentaires.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assuran de mes salutations dévouées et cordiales

B. Weiß

Mr. Ralph Douglas Spratley
Miss Susan Collmer

Collmer-Spratley

The approaching marriage of Miss Susan Collmer and Mr. Ralph Douglas Spratley has been announced.

The bride-elect, a native of New Orleans and resident of Gautier, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren Collmer of Pascagoula. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. J.F. Noel Sr. of Lafayette, La., and the late Mr. Noel of Abbeville, La., and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baron Collmer of Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Collmer is a 1978 graduate of Pascagoula High School and in 1982 received a degree in computer technology and hardware from University of Southern Mississippi.

She is a life member of Delta Sigma Pi international business fraternity, and has engaged in a career in the field of computer sales, training, installation, programming and repair.

The prospective bridegroom, a resident of Gautier, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Spratley of Pascagoula, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Ellerman of Gulfport, Miss., and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomas Spratley I of Pascagoula.

Mr. Spratley is a 1971 graduate of Pascagoula High School, and has been for the past twelve years owner and operator of Gautier Plumbing and Heating.

A late March wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gautier with Father Mike Kelleher officiating.

Collmer-Spratley

GAUTIER — Miss Susan Lynne Collmer and Mr. Ralph Douglas Spratley were married March 24, 1990, in an afternoon ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Gautier. The Rev. Mike Kelleher officiated at the nuptial Mass.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Spratley, all of Pascagoula.

The bride wore formal white satin and Alencon lace beaded with seed pearls and iridescents. A demi-cathedral length train was adorned with jeweled lace appliques. Fingertip veils of illusion fell from a bandeau of fabric flowers. She carried white orchids and roses.

Mrs. Tom (Noel Collmer) Smith served her sister as matron of honor. Other attendants were Mesdames Charlie (Patty Spratley) Coleman, sister of the bridegroom; David (Diane Noel) LaCour and Mark (Susan Hardy) Barclay, and nieces of the bride Mindy Smith as junior bridesmaid and Rosemary Smith as flower girl.

Mr. William Ray Green was best man. Groomsmen were Messrs. Charles Collmer, brother of the bride; Albert Spratley, brother of the bridegroom, and Danny Henry. Ring bearer was Warren Collmer, nephew of the bride.

A reception followed at the Gautier Convention Center. After a wedding cruise among the islands of the Caribbean, the couple is at home in Gautier. A rehearsal dinner was held at the Tiki Restaurant of Gautier.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Spratley

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Chas. E. Childsey, J. P.,
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Louis P. DeJean,
F. W. Mathews,
W. M. Canty, and others.

Scranton, Miss., Sept. 30, 1892. 32-5t

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W. J. E. GERARD,
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August 5, 1892. 24-4m

Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the power vested in me as substituted trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by V. A. McInyon and W. W. McInyon of date January 21, 1891, by which they conveyed the property hereinafter described, to W. C. Martin, of the city of Natchez, in the county of Adams, State of Mississippi, as trustee to secure an indebtedness of six hundred dollars due the Mississippi Co-operative and Benefit Association, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi and domiciled at the said city of Natchez, in said State, which deed of trust is duly recorded in book No. 12 of record of deeds of Jackson county, Mississippi, on pages 149 to 151, wherein default has been made according to the terms of the said deed of trust, I will, on the

Second Monday, the 10th day of October, 1892,

at the hour of 12 M., at the front door of the Court-house of said Jackson county, sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands and tenements, situated in the county of Jackson and State of Mississippi; and more particularly described and designated as follows: The west half of Lot No. 28, as per Burton Goode survey, in section 26, township 7, south of range 6 west, and known as the Oliver Walters place, being the same property conveyed by Ann Davis to V. A. McInyon on the 6th day of August, 1890, and recorded in book 11, page 471 of the record of deeds of said county, and I will convey to the purchaser such title as is vested in me as such trustee.

H. B. EVERITT,
Trustee by written act of substitution.
September 2, 1892. 28-4t

for her home in Brownsville, Tenn.

Married, in Moss Point, Friday, September 30, 1892, by Rev. J. W. Ferrill, Mr. Lee Bosarge, of Scranton, and Miss Annie Nolan, of this place.

The most wonderful thing in Moss Point is the Phonograph at John F. Kreb's Variety Store. Go at once and hear the beautiful music.

Dr. C. K. Roe, of this place was in Jackson before the Medical Censors for the Fifth District for examination for license to practice medicine in this State.

Mr. J. Wyatt Griffin returned from Perry county Friday, accompanied by Mrs. McCallum, his much beloved mother-in-law. She will remain some time.

Mrs. Dr. J. B. Chamberlain and Miss Kate Barnett left Monday morning last to visit relatives at Basin, and also to attend Salem Camp Meeting.

The dancing school opened Monday night in great shape, for the fall and winter season, at the Academy Hall. Every Monday and Thursday nights there will be a dance.

Mena, the 8-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colmer, Jr., after a few days' illness, died Sunday morning. The remains were interred in the Zion Cemetery Monday.

Goods are selling right at John F. Kreb's Variety Store. There will be next Wednesday and Thursday, October 13th and 14th, a grand opening of dry goods and notions. All come and examine for yourselves.

The following schooners are loading at the L. N. Dantzler Lumber Company's mills this week. The Louise Hastings with 135,000 feet of lumber for Key West; Cora with 20,000 feet of lumber for Mississippi river.

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Apply for further information.

L. M. STONE,
President.

Shuqualak, Miss.
July 22, 1892. 22-3m

Commissioner's Sale.

W. M. DENNY, Guardian,
vs. } Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.
MRS. IDA MCQUISTON.

By virtue of a decree of the Chancery Court of Jackson county, State of Mississippi, rendered at the August term thereof, on the 18th day of said month, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court-house, in the town of Scranton said County and State, on

The Second Monday, The 10th day of October, 1892,

within legal hours, the undivided one fourth (¼) interest of Mrs. Ida McQuiston in and to the following described property in Jackson county, Mississippi, to-wit:

In section 25, township 7, range 6 west and known as Lot No. 5, as shown by plot or plan of survey of Burton Good recorded in Book 4, Page 127, Record of Deeds of lands of Mrs. M. McLeod. Also that other piece or parcel of land in said County and State, in section 25, township 7, range 6 west, all of Lot 6 in said section as shown by survey of Burton Goode, as above set forth, except that portion to said lot conveyed by M. C. Vaughan to Mrs. M. V. M. Carter, recorded in Book 7, Pages 339 and 340, Records of Deeds, being the same land conveyed by M. C. Vaughan to W. C. McQuiston on the 2nd day of December, 1885. Together with the improvements on said land, above described.

F. H. LEWIS, Commissioner.
Sept. 16, 1892. 30-4t

Non-Resident Notice.

The State of Mississippi:

To W. M. Price, Daniel Price, J. W. White, Mr. Burgess, and to any and all persons who contributed to the building of the Moss Point Baptist Church in the years 1874 to 1876, and whose names are unknown:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the county of Jackson, said State, at Rules, on the

Second Monday of November, 1892

to defend the suit in said Court of M. A. Dees, wherein you are defendants.

W. M. DENNY, Clerk.
Sept. 30, 1892. 32-5t

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ESCATAWPA ITEMS.

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BY SCRIBUS.

Rain is needed badly.

Now, girls, don't wear the boy's clothes.

Next Sunday is Children's day at Zion.

Miss Leona Smith is visiting in Mobile.

The colored school is still in progress.

Won't somebody put up an ice factory in town.

Keep cool. Never mind about the thermometer.

The weather is hot enough to cook eggs—most.

Mr. Alcy Livaudais is building a new residence on Elder's Ferry road.

Mr. Chris Mork's family now occupy their new house. Its awful nice.

Mr. Jno. C. Scott, piano tuner of Mobile, is making a round in Escatawpa.

He says the only reason he does not get married is because his girl won't say "yes."

Mr. F. M. Johnson is enjoying an outing up the country. He is with the old folks at home.

Mr. Phil Davis now occupies his new and well-filled store on Main street. He will soon build a nice dwelling.

Mr. Billy Davis has purchased the former residence of Mr. Chas. Ehlers, Jr., and will soon occupy the same.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colmer, of Moss Point, was buried at Zion cemetery a few days since.

The first colored Methodist church on Boulevard de Randall is completed and will be dedicated early next month.

The shingle mill of Smith & McGregor at Washaway Bluff is looking like business. Mr. Cirlot is doing some nice brick work.

Mr. Joe Cirlot is now receiving his friends at the Lake mills. Things are humming around there now, for Joe is wide awake.

Mr. John Lacore has a fine farm. He thinks this is God's own country. He says that if anyone does not have a good living here, it is because they don't work for it.

Rev. G. W. Huff is visiting friends and relatives on the I. C. R. R. His health is somewhat improved, and he is having a pleasant time with his uncles and his cousins and his aunts, etc.

Pleasant Hill folks want the world and would have it fenced in for them. They would take a big slice off of Escatawpa, but we won't agree to it. Stick to your Ti-Ti's, Pleasanthillers, but come over to our big and growing town of Escatawpa often. You are always more than welcome.

Port of Pascagoula.

carriage and harness to his livery equipments.

Mrs. S. F. Lewis and family, of New Orleans are occupying the Wing cottage.

Mr. J. M. Breeland, the enterprising Vancleave merchant was in town Wednesday.

Those popular young men Messrs. C. T. and F. E. Schmidt are clerking at Capt. John Johnson's store.

Mr. Frank Day, of Mobile, was in town Wednesday on a visit to his friend Capt. John Harrob.

The new pipes for the Lewis water works have been distributed along Washington and Porter Avenues.

Mr. Ferdinand Ziegler and Mr. M. Ziegler, Sr., of New Orleans spent last Sunday at Lake View.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goerckmann, of Algiers, La., are spending their honeymoon at the Egan cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ziegler gave a delightful excursion to Horn Island Wednesday last.

Mr. E. M. Westbrook is making substantial improvements on his grounds adjoining the postoffie.

Mr. John J. Egan, of New Orleans spent this week with his mother Mrs. J. Egan at her delightful cottage.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Heslin, Bishop of Natchez, confirmed a class of 21 candidates for the sacrament of confirmation at the catholic church on Sunday last.

Capt. June Poitevent arrived from Palmetto, Fla., and will remain a month with his family.

Miss Minnie Hoffman, of New Orleans spent Sunday with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Buttner.

Illing House arrivals: Edward H. Walsdorf and wife, Miss Amie Musacchia, New Orleans; Mrs. M. R. Mayson, Brewton, Ala.

Hon. J. V. Guillotte and family, of New Orleans arrived Wednesday for the season and are domiciled on the Ittman place on the beach.

Prof. John S. Davis, of the University of Virginia visited Scranton Tuesday on business and pleasure combined.

Mr. F. J. Dubos and family, of New Orleans are occupying Mrs. A. A. Staples "Bay Home" on the beach.

The latest and cheapest line of dry goods, notions, hats and shoes can be found at John Johnson's new store.

When painters and paper-hangers have had their do the improvements on the Nill block will be completed.

Miss Felice Prejean, Miss Ella Acosta and Mr. Prejean visited Mobile last week, after a pleasant stay here at the Inn.

Mrs. W. L. Owen, after a pleasant visit to her parents, Maj. and Mrs. T. W. Grayson return to Barnum, Texas Tuesday.

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MOSS POINT LOSES BELOVED CITIZEN

Fritz Colmer Stricken Suddenly Wednesday Noon in the 74th Year of His Age. 1933

Moss Point Advertiser

Fritz Colmer, aged 73 years, died at his home in Moss Point on Wednesday, July 5, at noon, his death being quite sudden, although he had been in fail-health for some weeks.

The funeral was held this, Friday, morning at ten o'clock, from the Methodist church at Moss Point, Rev. W. H. Lewis performing the last offices of the church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Corley of Lucedale; and the other pastors of Moss Point. The following citizens and friends of deceased were the pall bearers: Active—Dr. J. F. Colley, Jesse W. Thompson, E. V. Suthoff, Edwin G. Lennep, H. D. Coulson and S. A. McInnis. Honorary—C. W. Jackson, Nott McInnis, G. W. Bowen, Dr. J. N. Rape, John D. Lowe, W. L. Rhodes and D. W. McLeod. Interment was in Machpelah cemetery, where the beautiful ritual of the Masonic order was conducted by the Moss Point Masonic lodge and the Gulf Coast Commandery, Knights Templars, of which deceased was a past commander.

A large number of citizens from Moss Point, Pascagoula, Mobile and other Coast cities and communities followed the remains to the grave, and a mound of most beautiful flowers, offerings from the various organizations of the city and Coast, and of many friends of deceased, covered the grave, after the casket had been reverently lowered to the grave and the last sad benediction pronounced.

The service at the church was unusually impressive, the large beautiful edifice in which deceased had worshipped so many years, being filled to overflowing with a tear-dimmed congregation who were there to pay their last tribute of respect to one who, in his lifetime, was an everyday exemplar of the religion that he professed. Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of deceased, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. J. M. Corley of Lucedale, and Rev. B. A. Meeks of the Presbyterian church, conducted the service, concluding with a prayer by Rev. J. F. Brock. Mrs. Ed Khayat sang "In the Garden," and Miss Doris Elder sang deceased's favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Fritz Colmer was born in Jackson county, and has lived in Moss Point for the past fifty years, during which time he has taken an active part in the industrial, civic, social and religious life of the county. For forty years he served as secretary of the Moss Point Methodist Sunday School, was chairman of the board of stewards of his church, secretary of the Moss Point Rotary club, past master of the Masonic Lodge, past commander of the Gulf Coast Commandery Knights Templars, past high priest of the Royal

FRITZ COLMER, 73, TAKEN BY DEATH

Times-Picayune

Veteran South Mississippi Lumberman Succumbs at Moss Point

1933

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Moss Point, Miss., July 5.—Fritz Colmer, 73 years old, prominent in business, church and fraternal life of South Mississippi for 50 years, died suddenly at his home here today after several months of feeble health. Funeral services will be held Friday after the arrival of his children and other relatives.

Mr. Colmer was born in Jackson county and early in life entered the sawmill business. At the time of his death he was president of the McIntosh Lumber Company. He was once a director and cashier of the Merchants' and Marine Bank. He served 40 years as secretary of the Methodist Sunday school and was chairman of the board of stewards of the church.

A community leader, Mr. Colmer was secretary of the Moss Point Rotary Club. He was past master of the Moss Point Masonic Lodge, past commander of the Gulf Coast Commandery, Knights Templars, and past high priest, Royal Arch Masons, at Biloxi.

He was a member of an old family that came from Alsace-Lorraine and early settled in the pine region of Mississippi. His wife, to whom he was married in 1894, was Miss Maggie McIntosh, a native of Meaford, Canada. His surviving children are R. P. Colmer of Moss Point, who has only recently been named acting chief inspector of the Missis-

Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

COLMER

Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Colmer, 94, 2717 Beach Blvd., Pascagoula, died Aug. 16, 1989, at her home. Mrs. Colmer was born Jan. 13, 1895, in Lumberton, Miss., and had been a resident of Pascagoula since 1951. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pascagoula.

Survivors are two sons, Dr. W. M. Colmer Jr., Pensacola, Fla., and James H. Colmer, Pascagoula; four grandchildren, Meyers Colmer and William Colmer, both of Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. M. R. Pevey and James H. Colmer Jr., both of Pascagoula; two great-grandchildren, Jonathan Colmer, Pensacola, and Ian Pevey, Pascagoula; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Prewitt, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Mary Hanks, Beebe, Ark.

Memorial service will be Friday, Aug. 18, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Pascagoula with the Rev. Robert Kates officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations or memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Pascagoula.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

Mrs. Colmer, 94, dies

Mrs. Ruth Colmer, 94, widow of former Cong. William M. Colmer, died Wednesday at Singing River Hospital.

Ruth Colmer

Mrs. Colmer, of 2717 Beach Blvd., was a native of Lumberton and had lived in Pascagoula since 1951.

She lived in Washington for more than 40 years, when Cong. Colmer served as Fifth District congressman. He died in 1980.

Services will be held Friday. (See details on Page 2-A).

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OBITUARIES

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Dr. Arthur Russell Colmer, 95, of Moss Point, Miss., born April 12, 1904 in Moss Point, died Oct. 24, 1999 in Pascagoula, Miss. Dr. Colmer retired in 1977 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. He was a Professor of Microbiology at West Virginia University and Alumni Professor of Microbiology Emeritus. He was a Teacher and Principal at McComb High School and Instructor at University of Wisconsin and University of Texas. He was a member of Dantzler Memorial United Methodist Church and Associate Member of The Moss Point Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Cleo White Colmer of Moss Point; nephew, Robert P. Colmer of Memphis, Tenn.; nieces, Betty Bond of Miami, Fla. and Peggy Carolla of Springfield, Mo.; sister-in-law, Lena Lou Kleinpeter of Gillsburg, Miss.; brother-in-law, John P. White of Clinton, Miss.; a host of great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Wed., Oct. 27, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. from the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Norman Bagby and the Rev. Jerry Beam officiating.

Interment will be in Machpelah Cemetery in Pascagoula.

Pallbearers will be Robert McIntosh, J. F. McLeod, Karl Horn, Joe Hans, Ken Teeter, Jim McGehee and Paul Hans.

In lieu of flowers, family prefers donations be made to Dantzler Memorial United Methodist Church or The Moss Point Presbyterian Church.

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HALPIN-COLMER.

Moss Point people will be interested to learn of the marriage of Jeanice Colmer in Ponchatoula, La., on Christmas night, and extend congratulation to this lovely girl, who was born in Moss Point and who has many relatives here. The Ponchatoula Enterprise says:

Miss Jeanice Colmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Colmer of Ponchatoula, and Mr. B. E. Halpin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Halpin of South Bend, Ind., and Ponchatoula, were quietly married in Amite Christmas night by Judge Williams in the presence of the bride's sister, Miss Mildred Colmer, Mr. Hamp Wilson and Mrs. Beatrice Delcourt.

The marriage of Miss Colmer and Mr. Halpin is the culmination of a romance begun more than a year ago when Mr. Halpin and his father and brother came to Ponchatoula to take charge of the E. B. Norman lumber mills.

Miss Colmer is a graduate of Pearl River college of the class of 1930 and is a popular member of the young set of Ponchatoula. She is the niece of Congressman Wm. Colmer of Mississippi. Mr. Halpin attended Notre Dame in South Bend.

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Dr. William Meyers Colmer, Jr., 78, of Pensacola, died Friday, January 9, 1998, in a local hospital.

Dr. Colmer grew up in Pascagoula, Miss., the son of Congressman William Meyers Colmer Sr. and Mrs. Ruth Miner Colmer. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Medical School. After serving his internship at Bethesda Naval Hospital, he was assigned to a destroyer in the Philippines. In 1946, he returned to Vanderbilt for his obstetrics/gynecology residency. Upon completing his residency, he practiced in Hattiesburg, Miss., and during the Korean Conflict, he was assigned to the United States Naval Hospital in Pensacola. When his term of duty was over, he joined the Medical Center Clinic.

Along with being a well respected physician, Dr. Colmer brought a unique organization to problems and was sought after for many leadership roles in the community and professional affairs. He was a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Colmer was instrumental in organizing the medical residency programs in the existing hospitals and served as chief of staff of Baptist Hospital. He was a member of the Northwest Florida Health Council and served as its chairman for two terms.

After 26 years of obstetrics/gynecology practice, Dr. Colmer was elected medical director of the Clinic and three years later, medical director of HCA West Florida Hospital. He was then elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians Executives. Dr. Colmer retired in 1990.

Dr. Colmer is survived by his wife, Kathryn Hoffman Colmer; sons, Meyers Hoffman Colmer, William Galloway Colmer and his wife, Marie Vickers Colmer; one grandson, Jonathan Meyers Colmer; and one brother, James H. Colmer, Pascagoula.

A memorial service was conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday, January 12, 1998, in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church with a visitation to follow in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 3200 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503; to Hospice of Northwest Florida, 2001 North Palafox Street, 32501; or to a charity of choice.

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Mrs. Colmer, 85, Moss Point native, dies in Louisiana

Mrs. A. L. Colmer, 85, native of Moss Point and resident of Ponchatoula, La., for the past 35 years, died at her home Sunday after a long illness.

Mrs. Colmer was the former Jennie Hill.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Millard Crawford of The Plains, Baton Rouge, a son Herman Colmer, Ponchatoula and two sisters Mrs. Laura Mays of Moss Point and Mrs. Wilsie Howe, W. Monroe, La.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. at the residence with burial in Ponchatoula Cemetery.

Those from Moss Point and Pascagoula attending the services were Mrs. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mays, Glennon Hill, Lewis Williams, Mrs. Tom Coulson, Mrs. Thomas Fields, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Colmer, William M. Colmer, Mrs. R. L. Walton and Misses Alice and Margaret Colmer.

■ HURLEY — Cameron Meyers Colmer, 75, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1996, in Moss Point.

Mr. Colmer was born June 9, 1921, in Picayune. He retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding as a design engineer. He was a Methodist and was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin A. Colmer Sr. and Ann Dorman Colmer; and a brother, Marvin A. Colmer Jr.

Survivors include a sister, Patricia Adams of Hurley.

A service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point, where friends may call an hour before service time. Burial will be in Griffin Cemetery in Moss Point.

The family prefers memorials to the Methodist Children's Home.

Cameron Meyers Colmer

DEATH OF MRS. H. G. COLMER, SR.

Mrs. Lulie Byrene Colmer, wife of Henry G. Colmer, Sr., died at her home in Mobile on Monday, July 31, 1939.

The funeral was held on Monday, July 31, 1939, at 10 o'clock, with Rev. George P. Pardington of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Greensboro, Ala., and Rev. J. F. Plummett of the Episcopal Mission of La Grange, Tenn., officiating. The pall bearers were: Charles W. Cram, Frank M. Hatcher, W. L. Welch, George B. Easterling, Peyton Norville and Hugh M. Stanfill. Interment [illegible]

Mrs. Colmer was 52 years of age and is survived by her husband, Henry G. Colmer, Sr., of the Dixie Machine Company of Mobile, and three children H. G. Colmer, Jr., Mrs. H. O. Gill and Mrs. Earl Rainwater, all of Mobile. She is also survived by two sisters, and other relatives. She was related by marriage to Hon. W. M. Colmer of Pascagoula, and to Mrs. R. L. Walton and Mrs. G. W. Bowen of Moss Point. Aug 4, 1939

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO C. H. COLMER

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State College, Miss., Jan. 5.—C. H. Colmer, 82 years old, father of E. B. Colmer, assistant dean of the school of agriculture at Mississippi State college, died here suddenly Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

He is survived by three sons, John P. Colmer, Hattiesburg; Earnest B. Colmer, Houston, Tex., and a daughter, Mrs. Will McGilvary, also of Houston.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday evening at Hattiesburg from the Broad Street Methodist church, with interment in the Rosaland Park cemetery.

Mr. Colmer is a brother of the late Mr. Fritz Colmer of Moss Point, and an uncle of Hon. W. M. Colmer of Pascagoula. He was a former resident of Moss Point.

COLMER, C. H.

Annie Mae Dorman Colmer

■ Annie Mae Dorman Colmer, 98, of Hurley died Monday, Jan. 30, 1995, in Hurley.

Mrs. Colmer was born Oct. 2, 1896, in Evergreen, Ala., and had been a resident of Jackson County since 1939. She was a homemaker and the oldest member of Dantzler Memorial United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Pascagoula Eastern Star Lodge No. 151, a member of various garden clubs and a past member of the Pascagoula Womens Progressive Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin A. Colmer Sr.; and a son, M.A. Colmer Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Lt. Col. H.W. Adams, USMC Retired, and Cameron M. Colmer of Hurley; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A service will be today at 11 a.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point, where friends may call 30 minutes before service time. Burial will be in Griffin Cemetery in Moss Point.

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OLIVIA WOODWARD,
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CARL WOODWARD.

Ocean Springs, Miss., March 27, 1895.
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DEATH OF HENRY COLMER, SR.

The subject of this tribute, Bro. Henry Colmer, Sr., was born in Wissenburg Ba Rine La France, Germany, March 8, 1822; died at his home in Escatawpa, Jackson county, Miss., March 23, 1895, aged 73 years and 15 days.

The greatest portion of his long life was spent in this (Jackson) county, moving here about the year 1840. Bro. Colmer was twice married, uniting in holy wedlock first with Miss Sophie Ehlers, and second with Mrs. Antoinett Beck, of Alabama. His first marriage was blessed with six children, of whom three sons are living and sustain an enviable character.

Through the godly influence of the wife, who preceded him to the grave, he was converted to God in 1861, and cast his lot in with the M. E. Church, South, during the pastorate of Rev. Wm. H. Carter, of the Alabama Conference, and from that time to the day of his death, covering a period of about 34 years, he endeavored to adorn his profession. For many years he sustained an official relation to the church as steward and trustee, and was at the time of his death a member of the Board of Trustees for Zion Church. These offices he filled with fidelity and acceptability. He was a true and tried friend of the preacher, loved the church of his choice, was a devoted father and husband, a kind neighbor and a wise counselor for the pastors, but his crowning virtue was his zeal for God and His glorious cause.

He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, as was evidenced by the vast crowd that assembled to see his body consigned to its last resting place. Just before the last struggle came he looked up and with his finger pointing upward, as if catching a glimpse of the glories of the invisible, he said to one near by, "Good bye, I am going where Sophie (his former wife) is," and immediately passed into the spirit realms. "How blest the righteous when he dies."

May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved ones, and help them to so live that when life's journey shall have ended, they may meet husband and father where there is no parting.

G. R. ELLIS.

Escatawpa, Miss., March 26, 1895.

Port of Pascagoula.

OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR.

Lieut.-Gov. M. M. Evans is off again this week proclaiming his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner. He will visit the Delta country ere he returns.

It has taken science 6,000 years to discover that kissing is deadly, and it will take science 6,000 years longer to get any book agent to pay any attention to the discovery.

Prof. C. W. Fowler, President of the Kentucky Training School, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., accompanied the remains of young Mack Denny to this place last Saturday.

I have just received the largest and best assorted stock of Millinery goods ever brought to Moss Point. Call early, ladies, and see for yourselves.

W. H. GRAHAM.

Mr. L. N. Dantzler, Jr., visited last week the City of Mexico, and thence to San Antonio, Texas, accompanied by his brother Alf, who had an attack of pneumonia. Last heard from him, he was doing very well.

Signor Bosco, the celebrated magician, will perform three nights in the Scranton Opera House, commencing Monday night. Round trip tickets on M. & P. railroad 25 cents. Leaves Moss Point at 7:30 p. m. Returns after the performance.

Always in the Lead.

We are now opening a large stock of ladies and gents Spring Notions and Furnishing goods.

COWAN BROS.

At Mr. John Hill's store there is a tripod or Bible table made entirely of manilla rope, ornamented at the corners with true lover's knot and Turk's heads and a beautiful tassel. This is one of the most novel pieces of mechanism we ever saw before. It was made in a day or two by the first mate of the schooner Daisy Farlin and presented to Mr. John Hill's family. The table can be seen by calling at the store of Mr. John Hill.

Death of A. M. Denny.

On Thursday of last week the sad news reached Moss Point of the death of A. M. Denny from pneumonia, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., where he was attending school. On Saturday at 2 p. m. the remains arrived here in charge of his sister, Miss Mamie, who so devotedly ministered to him in his last illness, and Prof. C. W. Fowler, the president of the institution.

Mack was born November 5, 1876, and was in his 19th year. He was a good boy, pure-hearted, gentle and loving. While not a member of the church, he had recently expressed, in a letter to his mother, his purpose to unite with the Presbyterian church. Asking his sister to sit by his side and "be his guardian angel," he passed into a d...

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isease was at first confined unacclimated, but as ma- hausted the spread began he citizens, but of a milder d our own dead are few, graveyard holds the dead s not here to shed the tear resting place of the stran-

hearts and tender hands ught and alleviated the the needy. Braver hearts lpitated, as was truly and y displayed during the months; ready and will- ld suffering humanity need istance. 'Tis not for us,

"Please publish the enclosed beautiful lines, which I found in an old scrap-book. They are so touching that they will find their way to many an aching heart who in these days of sorrow and gloom have many such treasures as the sweet writer of the beautiful poem mentions.

"Yours, respectfully, Mrs. H."

Only a lock of golden hair,
And a cluster of withered, scentless flowers,
Some of the garments she used to wear,
Jewels that shone on the fingers fair,
Pictures that mock with their beauty rare
The aching void in these hearts of ours,
That miss her everywhere!

Only an empty, quiet room,
A smooth white bed and a vacant chair;
Drooping lilies, whose faint perfume
Whispers a thought of the lovelier bloom,
Gathered like them for an early tomb,
And laid, an offering rich and rare,
On an altar of tears and gloom.

Only a grave with flowers o'ergrown—
A grave in the greenwood, narrow and deep,
Where we laid her down 'neath a cold white stone,
And left her in darkness and alone,
Deaf to our sad hearts' sorrowing moan,
Her pale lips sealed in a dreamless sleep,
And the light from her brown eyes gone.

These are the treasures to which I cling
With a tender grief that I cannot tell;
Dear to my heart is the slightest thing
Her hands have touched;—hot tears will spring
At the sound of the songs she used to sing.
Ah, me! no joy can ever dispel
This shadow from death's dark wing.

Oh, daughter, darling, you cannot know,
From your beautiful home where the angels are,
How day by day I wearily go
To that precious spot where the violets grow
Over pulseless bosom and brow of snow,
Or perhaps you could soothe my wild despair,
And my tears would forget to flow.

Moss Point, Oct. 7, 1878. X.X.X.

YELLOW FEVER IN N. O.

List of Deaths by Yellow Fever in New Orleans—Total Deaths and Number of Cases.

The following report of cases and number of deaths for the week ending Wednesday noon, in New

years and 3 months.

ANDREWS—In Handsboro, on Sunday, October 20, 1878, Mr. Daniel Andrews, aged 69 years.

CRAIG—Near Harrison station, on Saturday Oct. 19, 1878, Mr. John C. Craig, aged 43 years. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Harrison county five years.

SARRAZIN—At East Pascagoula, Miss., Wednesday, October 9, of yellow fever, Mary Marcella, aged 21 years, wife of Leonard Sarrazin.

DAVIS—At the residence of Capt. M. Pol, in Scranton, Miss., on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1878, Richard G. Davis, a native of Castlemartin, Pembrookshire, South Wales, England, aged 32 years and 20 days.

New Orleans *Times* and Joliet, Ill., papers please copy.

ALLEY—At Scranton, Miss., Monday, October 21, 1878, Samuel H. Alley, in the 25th year of his age.

ELMER—At Biloxi, October 23, 1878, Elizabeth Helena, third child of F. W. and Elizabeth Elmer, aged 3 years, 10 months and 22 days.

GILLESPIE—At East Pascagoula, Miss., Oct. 19, 1878, Carolina, aged 8 years, 4 months and 10 days, eldest daughter of W. H. and Eliza Ann Gillespie.

COLMER—At his father's residence, in Jackson county, October 6, 1878, Mr Wm. Colmer.

His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people to Zion church and cemetery, where, with appropriate funeral services, his body was consigned to the tomb to await the resurrection morn.

LYON—In Handsboro, Miss., of yellow fever, at 2 o'clock a.m., Friday, October 18, 1878, Dr. John E. Lyon, born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, February 14, 1842, aged 36 years, 8 months and 4 days.

Abbeville, S. C. papers please copy.

In the death of Dr. Lyon, society has lost a valuable member, the profession a star of excellent promise and friends an exponent of high minded principles—yet in the general bereavement it is not forgotten that this is the decree of an All-wise Creator. What a blow will this be to "the old folks at home," the aged parents who so fondly cherish loving remembrances of an affectionate son. Who can depict the anguish of his young wife—a widowed bride? Only those who have experienced like misfortune can appreciate such grief, meanwhile other households are afflicted, and all should exclaim with Paul, in truth and in spirit: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair."

A FRIEND.

THOMPSON—At Moss Point, Miss., October 12, 1878, of bilious remittent fever, Hugh A. D. Thompson, only son of Rev. George E. and Mrs. Rachel Thompson, aged 7 years, 5 months and 22 days.

At the tender age of only seven summers, the subject of this tribute passed through

MEYERS—Ten years ago, the writer while making his rounds on the Seashore district, formed the acquaintance of the subject of this obituary, MRS. MENA MEYERS, and her family. Since then he served as their pastor for two years. She was born in Mecklinburg-Schwerin, Germany, August 24, 1824, and died at her home in Moss Point, Miss., January 4, 1888, being nearly sixty-four years of age. She had been in the United States twenty-seven years, and, bringing with her the thrift, industry and religion acquired in her native land, she and her family prospered in all things and gained the respect and confidence of those who knew them. In 1868, under the ministry of Rev. M. E. Butt, of the Alabama Conference, she joined the Methodist Church. Consistent and practical in her religion, she took an active, generous part in the support of the institutions of the church. The pastor was made glad, not for the quarterage only, but for many things she brought to his home. Her dying words to her daughters were those of complete triumph. In answer to their expressed hope that she might still survive, she would say: "No, never; let me die. I am ready and waiting to go; so why should I stay? Let me go."

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MOSS POINT LOSES BELOVED CITIZEN

Fritz Colmer Stricken Suddenly Wednesday Noon in the 74th Year of His Age.

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Fritz Colmer, aged 73 years, died at his home in Moss Point on Wednesday, July 5, at noon, his death being quite sudden, although he had been in fail-health for some weeks.

The funeral was held this, Friday, morning at ten o'clock, from the Methodist church at Moss Point, Rev. W. H. Lewis performing the last offices of the church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Corley of Lucedale, and the other pastors of Moss Point. The following citizens and friends of deceased were the pall bearers: Active—Dr. J. F. Colley, Jesse W. Thompson, E. V. Suthoff, Edwin G. Lennep, H. D. Coulson and S. A. McInnis. Honorary—C. W. Jackson, Nott McInnis, G. W. Bowen, Dr. J. N. Rape, John D. Lowe, W. L. Rhodes and D. W. McLeod. Interment was in Machpelah cemetery, where the beautiful ritual of the Masonic order was conducted by the Moss Point Masonic lodge and the Gulf Coast Commandery, Knights Templars, of which deceased was a past commander.

A large number of citizens from Moss Point, Pascagoula, Mobile and other Coast cities and communities followed the remains to the grave, and a mound of most beautiful flowers, offerings from the various organizations of the city and Coast, and of many friends of deceased, covered the grave, after the casket had been reverently lowered to the grave and the last sad benediction pronounced.

The service at the church was unusually impressive, the large beautiful edifice in which deceased had worshipped so many years, being filled to overflowing with a tear-dimmed congregation who were there to pay their last tribute of respect to one who, in his lifetime, was an everyday exemplar of the religion that he professed. Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of deceased, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. J. M. Corley of Lucedale, and Rev. B. A. Meeks of the Presbyterian church, conducted the service, concluding with a prayer by Rev. J. F. Brock. Mrs. Ed Khayat sang "In the Garden," and Miss Doris Elder sang deceased's favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Fritz Colmer was born in Jackson county, and has lived in Moss Point for the past fifty years, during which time he has taken an active part in the industrial, civic, social and religious life of the county. For forty years he served as secretary of the Moss Point Methodist Sunday School, was chairman of the board of stewards of his church, secretary of the Moss Point Rotary club, past master of the Masonic Lodge, past commander of the Gulf Coast Commandery Knights Templars, past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Biloxi, and past patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. Colmer entered the lumber business early in life, and was active in it until his death. He was president of the McIntosh Lumber Company and former cashier and director of the Merchants & Marine Bank. He was a member of a family which came here from Alsace-Lorraine in the early days and settled in the pine region of Mississippi. He was married, in 1896 to Miss Maggie McIntosh, a native of Meaford, Canada, who survives him.

Surviving are three sons, R. P. Colmer of Moss Point, recently named acting chief inspector of the Mississippi state plant board at Misssissippi State College; Fred Colmer, metallurgist, of Birmingham, Ala.; Arthur Colmer, instructor in science in McComb high school; two daughters, Alice and Margaret Colmer, instructors in county schools; one brother, Charlie Colmer, of Perkinston; a nephew, Congressman W. M. Colmer, of the sixth district, and other relatives.

Thus Moss Point and Jackson county lose an outstanding citizen, a man who has given his life to the service of his county, one whose life has been above reproach, and a citizen that we can ill afford to lose.

This paper, along with hundreds of friends and acquaintances of deecased, extends condolences to the bereaved ones.

FRITZ COLMER, 73, TAKEN BY DEATH

Times-Picayune

Veteran South Mississippi Lumberman Succumbs at Moss Point

1933

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Moss Point, Miss., July 5.—Fritz Colmer, 73 years old, prominent in business, church and fraternal life of South Mississippi for 50 years, died suddenly at his home here today after several months of feeble health. Funeral services will be held Friday after the arrival of his children and other relatives.

Mr. Colmer was born in Jackson county and early in life entered the sawmill business. At the time of his death he was president of the McIntosh Lumber Company. He was once a director and cashier of the Merchants' and Marine Bank. He served 40 years as secretary of the Methodist Sunday school and was chairman of the board of stewards of the church.

A community leader, Mr. Colmer was secretary of the Moss Point Rotary Club. He was past master of the Moss Point Masonic Lodge, past commander of the Gulf Coast Commandery, Knights Templars, and past high priest, Royal Arch Masons, at Biloxi.

He was a member of an old family that came from Alsace-Lorraine and early settled in the pine region of Mississippi. His wife, to whom he was married in 1894, was Miss Maggie McIntosh, a native of Meaford, Canada. His surviving children are R. P. Colmer of Moss Point, who has only recently been named acting chief inspector of the Mississippi state plant board at Mississippi State college; Fred Colmer, metallurgist of Birmingham, Ala.; Arthur Colmer, instructor in science at McComb High school; Misses Alice and Margaret Colmer, teachers in county schools, and one brother, Charles Colmer of Perkinston. Congressman W. M. Colmer of the Sixth District is a nephew.

DEATH TAKES HENRY COLMER

One of Mississippi Coast's Best Known Citizens Dies at Home of Daughter at Howison

Judge Henry Colmer passed away this morning at 4:20 o'clock, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. N Howell at Howison, following a critical illness of six weeks during which time he was attended by a number of physicians in an effort to save his life.

Mr. Colmer was born at Escatawpa, Jackson county, May 12, 1842, and lived all his life on the Coast, residing in Gulfport for a number of years. He married Miss Anna S. Meyers in Jackson county 50 years ago and she preceded him to the grave February 23, 1911. The deceased will be buried in Evergreen cemetery, Gulfport, beside her.

For many years Mr. Colmer was in the employ of the Dantzler Lumber Company working in Harrison and Jackson counties in the timber business. At one time he operated the Native Lumber Company at Howison.

A communicant of the Methodist church for many years, Mr. Colmer was interested in church and civic work. As a citizen he was outstanding in his efforts for law and order and was prominent in many development moves for the good of the Coast section He had an abiding faith in the future of the Coast and often spoke of his happiness in seeing much of his belief in the Coast justified. He was appointed by Governor Whitfield as justice of the peace for beat 5 and was reelected to this office in the last county election.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning, 10:30 o'clock, at the First Methodist church, Gulfport. Rev. Paul Hardin, pastor of this church, Rev. J. L. Sells, presiding elder of the Seashore district, and Rev. S. N. Young, pastor of the Saucier charge, will hold the services, with interment in Evergreen cemetery

Few men in this section have reared a finer family than the deceased and his pride in his sons and daughters has been well placed. He is survived by five sons. A. L. Colmer of Ponchatoula, La., H. G. Colmer of Mobile, E. E. Colmer of McHenry, M. A. Colmer of Howison, W. M. Colmer of Pascagoula, four daughters, Mrs. P. N. Howell of Howison, Mrs. L. R. Weeks of Ponchatoula, La., Mrs. G. H. Reeves of Jackson, and Mrs. Robert L. Walton of Clinton, Miss. There are several grandchildren and two brothers surviving, Fritz Colmer with the McIntosh Lumber Company of Moss Point and Charles Colmer who resides at Perkinston.

Judge Colmer is mourned by a host of friends whom he made during his many years of public life.

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Gulfport Lawyer Charged In Death

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — A former Mississippi legislator active in civic affairs along the Gulf Coast was charged with murder Tuesday in the beating of a young waitress.

Thomas Upton Sisson, 58, a prominent Gulfport attorney, was arrested Monday night shortly after Janette Rowelette, 30, died in a hospital. He was released under $10,000 bond.

Authorities said an autopsy showed Miss Rowlette died from a severe blow on the head, and Dist. Atty. Bill Waller said bruises on her neck indicated she may have been choked as well as beaten.

Waller said Sisson waived a preliminary hearing.

Authorities said the woman, who worked as a waitress at a nightspot in North Jackson, was rushed to the hospital Monday morning from her apartment. Waller said a taxi driver reported picking the woman and Sisson up at the nightspot Sunday night and taking them to the apartment.

Sisson, a familiar figure around the state Capitol, has been active in civic affairs and politics for a number of years. While he was in the legislature, he served on the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

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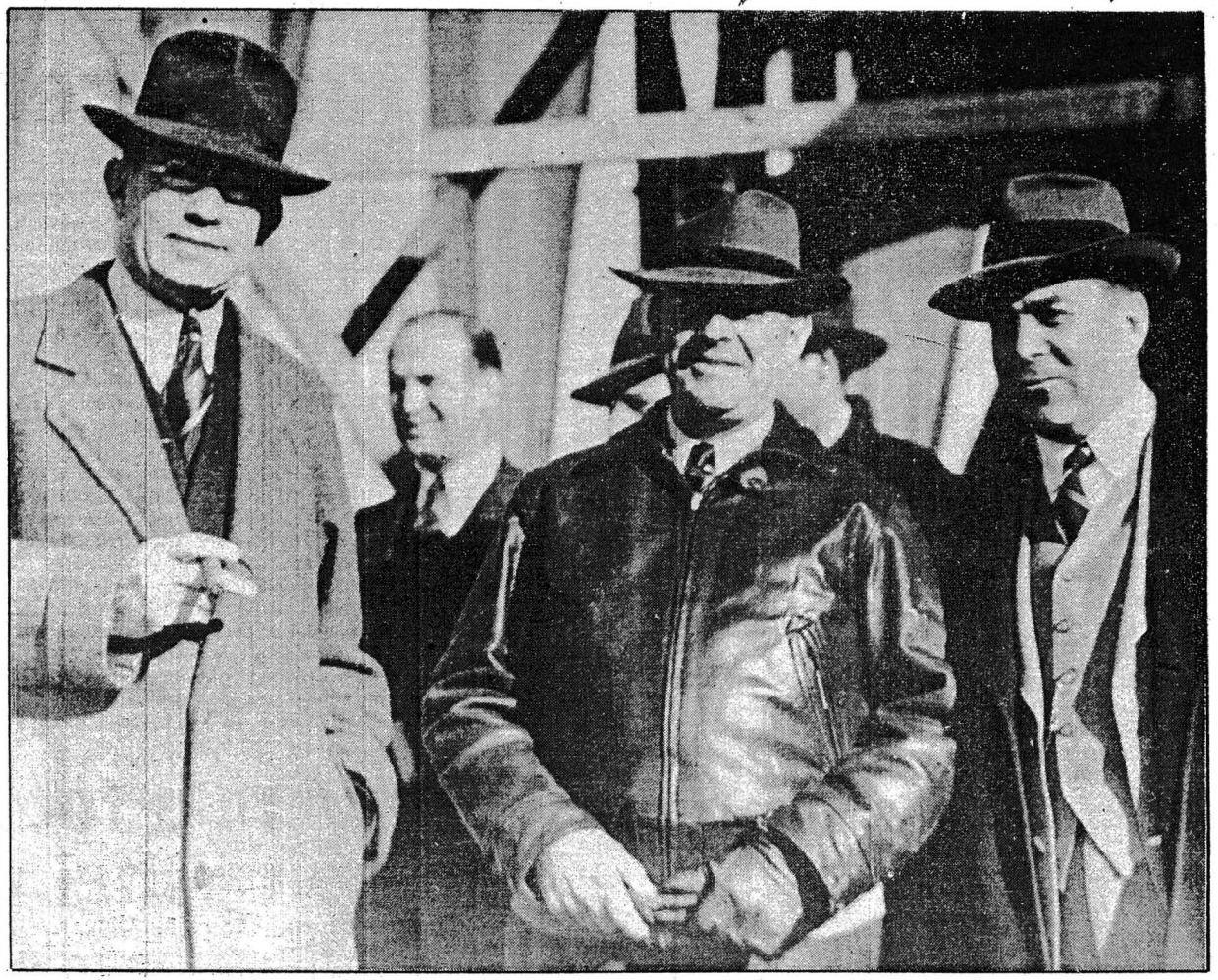

The congressman and friends

This photo of the late U.S. Congressman William "Bill" Colmer (left) will be included in a book of historic county photos to be published later this year, according to Tommy Wixon, who is compiling the archival volume. Wixon needs to know who the other two men in the photo are and where and when it was taken. Anyone with information concerning the photo may contact Wixon at 762-7777.

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'Colmer Corner'

Congressman's widow 'keeps young' keeping up with her family

By TOM VAN ANTWERP
Mississippi Press Staff

Her bright, twinkling eyes and spry bearing make it hard to believe that Mrs. Ruth Colmer, widow of the late congressman, is 93 years old.

But after spending over an hour reminiscing with this delightful lady, it is obvious that she would have needed at least that many years to have lived such a full life.

"Keeping up with my family has kept me young," she said.

She and the congressman were married 60-plus years when he died in 1980, and they had shared his 40-year career in Washington from 1932 until 1972.

"Meeting Bill Colmer and having his three children is the best thing that ever happened to me," she said.

The Colmers did not miss the limelight and excitement of the Washington years after the congressman's retirement. "We were both ready to come home" to Pascagoula and the Beach Boulevard residence she still lives in.

"I enjoy looking out at Ingalls on the right, Chevron on the left, and the speeders in between."

Miss Ruth began her life in Lumberton, Miss., fifth of her father's 14 children, and the oldest of her mother's 10 children. Her father was widowed and remarried.

She attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and was teaching music at the Agricultural College in Purvis, Miss., when she met Bill Colmer in 1916. She had a beau at the time but soon lost interest in him as her interest in young Colmer grew stronger. Her family were all active in the Methodist church. "My parents were pleased when I started courting Bill Colmer, because he also came from a strong Methodist background," she said.

Bill Colmer had moved to Lumberton to become the superintendant of schools, and that is when they met. She was still living at home with her mother and father. After a two-year courtship they were married in 1917, just as World War I was breaking out.

"He tried to enlist for active duty, but was too underweight to qualify for combat," Mrs. Colmer said. Because he was studying to be an attorney, he joined the adjutant general's staff

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PRESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION — The Colmers pose for a photo in the Whitehouse oval office with President Nixon after an official ceremony.

Press Plus Photo/Carol Waddell

REFLECTING — Mrs. Ruth Colmer, 93, widow of the late Congressman William M. Colmer, sits in the living room of her home on Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula, reflecting back on her life, family and years her husband served in Congress.

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INGALLS CHRISTENING — Cong. William Colmer and his wife sit next to congressman, and future president, Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty, at the commissioning of the submarine *Dace*, (SSN 607), a nuclear submarine built at Ingalls Shipbuilding. Mrs. Ford was the sponsor of the *Dace* a year previous to the May 1964 commissioning ceremony. Ford was the principal speaker at the commissioning.

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REMINISCING — Mrs. Colmer looks through a family photograph album.

▶ Mrs. Colmer

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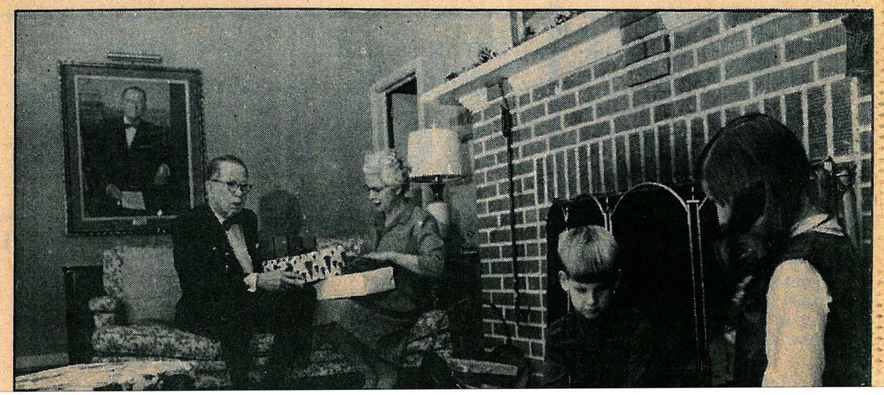

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After the war ended, the Colmers moved back to his home in Jackson County, where they first rented some rooms at Mrs. May McGehee's on the corner of School and Pascagoula streets. By this time, Bill Colmer had completed his legal studies with financial help from his older brothers, and was ready to establish his legal practice.

They bought their first home not long after that for $2,500, and today it still stands on the corner of Pascagoula and Dupont streets. "Of course, it didn't look as good as it looks today." It is now the office of orthodontist Dr. Samuel Mayfield.

Their second son, Jim, was born in that home. Today, he lives next door to his mother in what has become a sort of family compound she calls "Colmer Corner."

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"Two brothers had married two sisters, and all these families lived on Columbus Drive. Whenever I meet anyone named Gautier today, I perk up and try to figure how they are kin to my old friends," she said.

The Colmers' third son Tom was born in the home on Columbus Drive. They finished raising their children in that home and their many rented homes in Washington, D.C. "The congressman did not think his constituents would like it if he owned a home in Washington," she explained.

After serving as district attorney of Jackson County, Bill Colmer ran for Congress in 1932 with a firm pledge to back Roosevelt's New Deal. He soon tired of Roosevelt's policies, however, and became more conservative as his career progressed.

When asked if her husband would have become a Republican were he an active politician today, she winked and said, "I would rather not comment about that."

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Of the six presidents they met during Bill Colmer's congressional career, "President Nixon was probably the best as a leader, but personally and socially, Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson were the most outgoing and fun-loving," she said.

"President Johnson loved to dance with as many congressional wives as he could, so all the ladies could say they had danced with the president."

The Colmers built their present home on Beach Boulevard in 1951 and retired to live here permanently in 1972. The congressman hunted and fished, and they both enjoyed being close to their children and grandchildren.

Their proudest moment was the dedication of William Colmer Junior High School. Mrs. Colmer said "I still get a lump in my throat whenever I drive by the school."

Since his death, Mrs. Colmer has stayed busy enjoying her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to son Jimmy, one granddaughter and great-grandson live right behind her. They all call her "Ganny."

After her family, her next favorite thing is driving her car — she still goes for groceries and to the hair dresser once a week. Occasionally she will drive as far as Moss Point and Gautier.

Although she appears very healthy, Mrs. Colmer said, "I have a few ailments, but I'd rather not broadcast them."

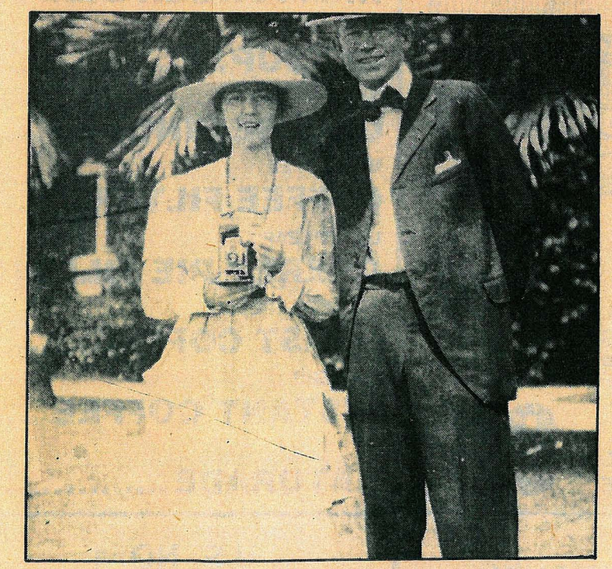
Looking back on 93 years, she said, "I don't think my life has lacked anything. Meeting Bill Colmer was the best thing that ever happened, and losing Tom (her youngest son) in 1979 was the worst."

Her two surviving sons are Bill Jr. and Jimmy. Bill Jr. is an OB-GYN in Pensacola, and Jimmy is an attorney in Pascagoula. "My friends tell me I'm lucky, because I have a doctor and a lawyer in the family."

The congressman died after a brief illness in 1980. Mrs. Colmer said, "I hope I will slip off quietly when my time comes."

From the healthy appearance and enjoyment of life that this lady exudes, it is apparent that she will have quite a few more years in which to enjoy her family and drive her car.

CHRISTMAS AT 'PAPA AND GANNY'S' — Gifts are opened in the living room of the William Colmer home on Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula in this 1967 photo. Grandchildren, Jimmy and Mary Ruth, are under the supervision of the family dog, Freida.



LOVEBIRDS — Ruth Miner and Bill Colmer in their courting days, enjoy the Gulfport beach. (1916)